LANTHORNE and Candle-light.

OR,

The Bell-Mans second Nights-walke.

In which

He brings to light, a Brood of more strange Villanies then euer were till this yeare discouered.

--Decet nouisse malum, fecisse, nefandum.

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Sir.

IT may (happily) ſeeme ſtrange vnto you, that ſuch an army of *Idle-words* ſhould march into the open field of the world vnder the *Enſigne* of your *Name*, (you beeing not therewith made acquainted till now: you may iudge it in me an *Error*, I my ſelfe confeſſe it a boldneſſe. But ſuch an ancient & ſtrong *Charter* hath Cuſtome confirmed to *This Printing age of ours*, (by giuing men authoritie to make choice of what *Patrons* they like,) that ſome *Writers* do almoſt nothing contrary to y cuſtome, and ſome by vertue of that Priuiledge, dare doe any thing. I am neither of *that firſt order*, nor of *this laſt*. The one is too fondly-ceremonious, the other too impudently audacious. I walk in the midſt (ſo well as I can) betweene both: with ſome fruites that haue growne out of my *Braine*, haue I bin ſo farre from being in loue, that I thought them not worthy to be taſted by any particular friend & therefore haue they bin expoſed only to thoſe that would entertain them: neither did I thinke the *Fauour* that euer was *Mine*, ſo worthy, that it was to be looked vpon with the *Eye* of *vniuerſal cenſure*. Two ſorts of *mad-men* trouble the *ſtationers* ſhops in *Paules Church-yard*: they that out of a *Meere* and *Idle vaine-glory* will euer be *Pamphleting* (tho their bookes beeing printed are ſcarſe worth ſo much *Brownepaper*) and this is a very poore, and fooliſh ambition: Of the other ſort are they that beeing free of *Wits Merchaut-venturers*, do euery new moone (for gaine onely) make 5. or 6. voiages to the *Preſſe*, and euery *Term-time* (vpon *Booke-ſellers ſtalles*) lay whole litters of blinde inuentions: fellowes y (if they do but walke in the middle Ile) ſpit nothing but ynck, and ſpeake nothing but *Poeme*. I would keepe company with neither of theſe two *mad-men*, if I could auoid them, yet I take the laſt to be the wiſeſt and leſſe dangerous. for ſithence all the arrowes that men ſhoote in the world, flye to two marks only (either pleaſure or profit) he is not much to be cõdemned that hauing no more *Acres* to liue vppon then thoſe that lie in his head) is euery houre hammering out one peice or other out of this ruſty *Iron age*, ſithence the golden and ſiluer *Globes* of the world are ſo locked vp, that a Scholler can hardly be ſuffred to behold them. Some perhaps wil ſay, that this lancing of the peſtilent ſores of a Kingdome ſo openly, may infect thoſe in it that are ſound, and that in this our ſchoole, (where cloſe a-

buſes & groſe villanies are but diſcouered and not puniſhed) others that neuer before knew ſuch euils, will be now inſtructed (by the booke) to practiſe them. If ſo, then let not a traitor, or a Murderer be publikely arraigned, leſt the one laying open to the world, how his plots were wouen to contriue a treaſon, or the other, what pollicies he was armed with, for *the ſhedding of blood*, the ſtanders-by (that are honeſt) be drawn (by their rules) to run head-long into the ſame miſchiefe: no, Our ſtrong phiſicke works otherwiſe. What more makes a man to loath that *Mongrell Madneſſe* (that halfe Engliſh, halfe Dutch ſinne) *Drunkenneſſe*: then to ſee a common *Drunkard* acting his *Scenes* in the open ſtreete? Is any *Gameſter* ſo fooliſh to play with falſe *Dice*, when he is aſſured that al who are about him know him to be a *Sworne Cheator*? The letting therfore of *Vice* blood in theſe ſeuerall *Veines*, which the *Bel-man* hath opend, cannot by any Iudicial rules of phiſicke, endanger the Bodie of the Common-wealth, or make it feeble, but rather reſtore thoſe parts to perfect ſtrength, which by diſorder haue ben diſeaſed.

Giue mee leaue to lead you by the hand into a *Wilderneſſe* (where are none but *Monſters*, whoſe crueltie you need not feare, becauſe I teach the way to tame them: vgly they are in ſhape and diueliſh in conditions: yet to behold them a far off, may delight you, and to know their quallities (if euer you ſhould come neere them (may ſaue you from much danger. Our Country breedes no Wolues nor Serpents, yet *Theiſe* ingender here and are either *Serpents* or *Wolues*, or worſe then both: what ſoeuer they are, I ſend vnto you not the Heard of the one, or the Bed of the other, but only a Picture of either, View them I pray, and where the cullours are not well layde on, ſhadow them with your finger: if you ſpy any diſproportion, thus excuſe it, ſuch *Painting is fit for Monſters*: How rudely ſoeuer the Peece is drawne, call it a Picture. And when *one* more worthe your viewe lies vnder the workemans pencil, this *Bad-one* ſhall bring you home a *Better*: In the meane time, I ceaſe, and begin to be (if you pleaſe)

All yours.

THOMAS DEKKER.

To my owne Nation.

Readers,

AFter it was proclaimed abroad, that (vnder the conduct of the Bel-man of London,) new forces were (once more) to bee leuied against certaine Wilde and Barbarous Rebells, that were vp in open armes against the Tranquilitie of the Weale publique: It cannot bee tolde, what numbers of voluntaries offred themselues dayly to fight against so common, so bolde, so strange, and so dangerous an enemy. Light Horse-men came in hourely, with discouerie where these Mutineers lay intrenched: deliuering (in briefe notes of intelligence) who were their Leaders, how they went Armed, and that they serued both on Horse & Foot: only their Strengthes could not bee discryed, because their Numbers were held infinite. Yet instructions were writtē and sent euerie minute by those that were Fauourers of Goodnesse shewing what Militarie Disciplines the foe vsed in his Battailes, and what Forts (if hee were put at any time to flight) he wold retire to; what stratagems hee would practize, and where he did determine to lye in Ambuscado. They that could not serue in person in this Noble quarrell, sent their Auxiliary Forces, well armed with Counsell. So that the Bel-man (contrarie to his owne hopes,) seeing himselfe so strongly and strangely seconded by friends both new & auncy aduance forward, in maine battalion. The day of encounter is appointed to be in this Michaelmas Tearme. The place, Paules-Churh-yard, Fleetestreet, and other parts of the Citie. But before they ioyne, let me giue you note of one thing, and that is this.

There is an Vsurper, that of late hath taken vppon him the name of the Bel-man, but being not able to maintaine

taine that Title, *hee doth now call himselfe the* Bel-mans *brother, his ambition is (rather out of vaine glorie then the true courage of an Experienced Soldier) to haue the leading of the* Van, *but it shall be honor good enough for him (if not too good) to come vp with the* Rere. *You shall know him by his Habiliments, for (by the furniture he weares) hee will bee taken for a Beadle of* Bridewell. *It is thought he is rather a Newter than a friend to the cause: and therefore the* Bel-man *dooth heere openly protest that he comes into the field as no fellowe in armes with* Him.

How soeuer it be stracke, or whosoeuer giues the first blow, the victorie depends vpon the vallor of you that are the Winges to the Bels-mans army, *for which conquest he is in hope you will valiantely fight sithence the quarrel is against the head of monstrous abuses, and the blowes which you must giue are in defence of* Law, Iustice, Order, Ceremony, Religion, Peace, *and that honorable title of* Goodnesse.

Saint George! *I see the two* Armies *mooue forward: and beholde, the* Bel-man *himselfe first chargeth vppon the face of the Enemy. Thus*

To

To the Author.

HOw e're thou maist by blazing all *Abuse*,
Incurre suspect, thou speak'st what thou hast prou'd,
(Tho then to keepe it close it thee behou'd,
Sir, *Reason* makes for thee a iust excuse)
Yet of thy paines, the *Best* may make good vse.
Then of the *Best*, thy paines should be approu'd,
And for the same of them shouldst be belou'd.
Sith thou of *Falsehoods Flood* do'st ope the *Sluce*,
That they at waste continually may runne,
By shewing men the *Reaches* that they haue,
That honest men may so or'e-reach a *Knaue*,
Or sound their swallowing *Deepes*, the same to shunne:
But if from hence, a *Knaue* more cunning growes,
That *Spider* sucks but poison from thy *Rose*.

Thy friend if thine owne,
Io: Da:

To his Friend.

OF *Vice*, whose *Counter-mine* a state confounds,
Worse then *Sedition*: of those Mortall *Woundes*
Which (throughly search'd) doe *Kingdomes* hearts endanger:
Of *Plagues* that o're run Cities: of those stranger
Big-swolne Impostumes, poisning the strong health
Of the most *Sound*, best *Dieted Common-wealth*,
Thou tell'st the *Causes*, and doest teach the *Cure*,
By *Medicine* well-compounded, cheape, and sure:
And (as *One* read in deepe *Chirurgery*,)
Draw'st of these *Euills*, the true Anatomy.
Then, on thy *Plainnesse* let none lay reproofe,
Thou tak'st *Sinne's* heigth (as men doe starres) aloofe.

M: R:

To my induſtrious friend.

IN an ill *Time* thou writ'ſt, when Tongues had rather
Spit venome on thy lines, then from thy labours
(As *Druggiſts* doe from poiſon) medicine gather;
This is no *Age* to crowne *Deſert* with *Fauors*.
But be thou *Conſtant* to thy ſelfe, and care not
What Arrowes Mallice ſhootes: the *Wiſe* will neuer
Blame thy Lowd ſinging, and the Fooliſh dare not:
None elſe but *Wolues* will barke at thine *Endeuor*.
When thou (in thy dead Sleepe) lieſt in thy *Graue*,
Thoſe *Charmes* to after-Ages vp ſhall raiſe thee;
What heere thou leau'ſt, aliue thy *Name* ſhall ſaue,
And what thou now diſpraiſeſt, ſhall then *praiſe* thee.
Tho, *Not to know ill*, be wiſe *Ignorance*,
Yet thou (by *Reading Euill*) doeſt *Goodneſſe* teach,
And, of *abuſe* the *coullors* dooſt aduance
Onely vpon *abuſe* to force a *breach*;
The honor that thy *pen* ſhall earne thereby,
Is this: *that tho Knaues Liue, their flights* (*Here*) *dye*.

E: G:

Lanthorne & Candle-light,

Or

The Bell-mans second Nights walke.

Of Canting.

How long it hath beene a language: how it comes to bee a language: how it is deriued, & by whom it is ſpoken.

CHAP. I.

One language through all the world at the beginning

When all the World was but one Kingdome, all the People in that Kingdome ſpake but one language. A man could trauell in thoſe dayes neither by Sea nor land, but he mett his Country-men; none others. Two could not then ſtand gabling with ſtrange tongues, and conſpire together (to his owne face) how to cut a third mans throat, but he might vnderſtand them. There was no Spaniard (in that Age) to Braue his enemy in the Rich and Lofty Caſtilian: no Romaine Orator to plead in the Rethoricall and Fluent Latine: no Italian to court his Miſtris in the ſweete and Amorous Thuſcane: no French-man to parley in the full and ſtately phraſe of Orleans: no Germaine to thunder out the high and rattling Dutch: the vnfruitfull crabbed Iriſh, and the Voluble ſignificant Welch, were not then ſo much as ſpoken of: the quick Scottiſh Dialect (ſiſter to the Engliſh) had not then a tongue, neither were the ſtringes of the Engliſh ſpeech (in thoſe times) vntyed.

When ſhe firſt learn'd to ſpeake, it was but a broken language: the ſingleſt and the ſimpleſt Words flowed from her vtterãce: for ſhe dealt in nothing but in Monoſillables, (as if to haue ſpoken words of greater length would haue crackt her Voice) by which meanes her Eloquence was pooreſt, yet hardeſt to learne, and ſo (but for neceſſity) not regarded amõgſt Strangers. Yet afterwards thoſe Nobleſt Languages lent her Words and phrazes, and turning thoſe Borrowings into Good huſbandry, ſhee is now as rich in Elocu ion, and as aboundant as her prowdeſt & Beſt-ſtored Neighbors.

English toung comparable to the beſt.

Whilſt thus (as I ſaid before) there was but one Alphabet of Letters, for all the world to Read by, all the people that then liued, might haue wrought vpon one peece of worke in countries farre diſtant a ſunder, without miſtaking one another, and not needing an interpreter to runne betweene them. Which thing Nymrod (the firſt Idolater,) perceiuing, and not knowing better how to imploy ſo many thouſand Millions of Subiects as bowed before him: a fire of Ambition burn'd within him, to climbe vp ſo high that hee might ſee what was done in heauen: And for that purpoſe, workmen were ſummoned from all the corners of the Earth, who preſently were ſet to Build the Tower of Babell. But the Maiſter-workemã of this Great Vniuerſe, (to check the Inſolẽce of ſuch a Sawcie builder) that durſt raize vp Pynnacles, equall to his owne (aboue) commanded the ſelfe-ſame Spirit that was both bred in the Chaos and had mainteind it in diſorder, to bee both Surueyor of thoſe workes and Comptroller of the Labourers. This Meſſenger was called Confuſion. It was a Spirit ſwift of flight, & faithfull of ſeruice. Her lookes wilde, terrible and inconſtant. Her attire, careleſly, looſe, and of a thouſand ſeuerall colours. In one hand ſhee grip'd a heape of ſtormes with which (at her pleaſure) ſhe could trouble ye waters: In the other ſhe held a whip, to make thoſe Spirits that drew her, to gallop faſter before her: the Spirits names

Buil ding of Babell.

Confuſion deſcribed.

were

were Treason, Sedition & War, who at euery time wh they went abroad, were ready to set Kingdomes in vproare. She roade vpon a Chariot of Clowdes, w, was alwayes furnished with Thunder, Lightning, Winds, Raine, Haile-stones, Snow, & all the other Artillery belonging to the seruice of Diuine Vengeance: & when she spake, her Voyce sounded like the roaring of many Torrents, boystrously strugling together: for betweene her Jawes did she carry 1000000. Tongues.

This strage Linguist, stepping to euery Artificer that was there at worke, whispred in his eare: whoses lookes were there-vpon (presently) filled with a strange distraction: and on a suddaine whilst euery man was speaking to his fellow, his language altred, and no man could vnderstand what his fellow spake. They all stared one vpon another, yet none of them all could tell wherefore so they stared. Their Tongues went, and their hands gaue action to their Tongues: yet neither words nor action were vnderstood. It was a Noise of a thousand sounds, and yet the sound of the noise was nothing. He that spake, knew he spake well: and he that heard, was madde that the other could speake no better. In the end they grew angry one with another, as thinking they had mocked one another of purpose. So that the Mason was ready to strike the Bricklayer, the Bricklayer to beate out the braines of his Labourer: the Carpenter toke vp his Axe to throw at the Caruer, whilst the Caruer was stabbing at the Smith, because hee brought him a Hamer when he should haue made him a Chizzell. He that called for Timber, had Stones laide before him: & when one was sent for Nailes, he fetcht a Tray of Mortar. Beginning of languages.

Thus Babell should haue beene raized, and by this meanes Babell fell. The Frame could not goe forward, the staffe was throwne by, the workemen made holyday. Euery one packt vp his tooles to be gone, yet not to goe the same way that he came: but glad was he, that could meete another, whose speech hee vnderstood: for to

what place soeuer he went, others (that ran madding vp and downe) hearing a man speake like themselues, followed onely him: so that they who when the worke began were all countrimen, before a quarter of it was finished, fled from one another, as from enemies & strãgers: And in this maner did Men at the first make vp nations: thus were words coyned into Languages, & out of those Languages haue others beene molded since, onely by the mixture of nations, after kingdomes haue been subdued. But I am now to speake of a People & a Language, of both which (many thousands of yeares since that Wonder wrought at Babell) the world till now neuer made mention: yet confusion neuer dwelt more amongst any Creatures. The Bell-ma (in his first Voyage which he made for Discoueries) found them to bee sauages, yet liuing in an Iland very temperate, fruitfull, full of a Noble Nation, and rarely gouerned. The Lawes, Mãners and habits of these Wild-men, are plainly set downe, as it were in a former painted Table. Yet least happily a stranger may looke vpon this second Picture of them, who neuer beheld The first, it shall not bee amisse (in this place) to repeate ouer againe the Names of all the Tribes into which they Diuide themselues, both when they Serue abroad in the open fields, and when they lye in garrison within Townes & walled Cities.

The *Bell-mans* first booke.

And these are their Rankes as they stand in order. *viz.*

Rufflers,
Vpright-men.
Hookers, *alias* Anglers,
Roagues.
Wilde Roagues.
Priggers of Prancers.
Paillards,
Fraters,
Prigges.
Swadders,
Curtalls.
Irish Toyles.
Swigmen.
Iarkmen.
Patricoes.
Kinchin-Coes.

Abra-

Abraham-men,	Glymmerers.
Mad Tom *alias* of Bedlam	Bawdy-Baskets.
Whip-Iackes.	Autem Morts.
Counterfet Crankes.	Doxies.
Dommerats.	Dells.
	Kinchin-Morts.

Into thus many Regiments are they now deuided: but in former times (aboue foure hundred yeares now past) they did consist of fiue Squadrons onely.

1 Curritors, alias Vagabondes.
2 Faytors,
viz. 3 Robardsemen.
4 Draw-latches.
5 Sturdy Beggars.

And as these people are strange both in names and in their conditions, so doe they speake a Language (proper only to themselues) called canting, which is more strange. By none but the souldiers of These tottred bandes is it familiarly or vsually spoken, yet within lesse then foure-score yeares (now past) not a word of this Language was knowen. The first Inuentor of it, was hang'd, yet left he apt schollers behind him, who haue reduced that into Methode, which he on his death-bed (which was a paire of gallowes) could not so absolutely perfect as he desired.

Of canting. How long.

It was necessary, that a people (so fast increasing, & so daily practising new & strange Villanies, should borrow to themselues a speech, wch (so neere as they could (none but themselues should vnderstand: & for that cause was this Language, (which some call Pedlers Frēch,) Inuēted, to th'intent that (albeit any Spies should secretly steale into their cōpanies to discouer thē) they might freely vtter their mindes one to another, yet auoide ỹ dāger. The Language therefore of canting, they study euen from their Infancy, that is to say, from the very first houre, that they take vpon them the names of Kinchin Coes, till they are growen Rufflers, or Vpright-men, which are the highest in degrée amongst them.

Canting hath bin vsed.

The first canter hanged.

How canting grew to be a language.

This

This word canting seemes to bee deriued from the latine verbe (canto) which signifies in English, to sing, or to make a sound with words, thats to say to speake. And very aptly may canting take his deriuatiõ a cantando, from singing, because amongst these beggerly consorts that can play vpon no better instruments, the language of canting is a kinde of mulicke, and he that in such assemblies can cant best, is connted the best Musitian.

Now as touching the Dialect or phrase it selfe, I see not that it is grounded vpon any certaine rules; And no mervaile if it haue none, for sithence both the Father of this new kinde of Learning, and the children that study to speake it after him, haue beene from the beginning and still are, the Breeders and Norishers of all base disorder, in their liuing and in their Manners: how is it possible, they should obserue any Method in their speech, and especialy in such a Language, as serues but onely to vtter discourses of villanies?

And yet (euen out of all that Irregularity, vnhansomnesse, & Fountaine of Barbarisme) do they draw a kinde of forme: and in some wordes, (aswell simple as compounds) retaine a certaine salte, tasting of some wit and some Learning. As for example, they call a cloake (in the canting tongue) a Togeman, and in Latin, Toga signifies a gowne, or an vpper garment. Pannam is bread: & Panis in Lattin is likewise bread, cassan is cheese, and is a worde barbarously coyned out of the substãtiue caseus which also signifies cheese. And so of others.

The Dialect of canting.

Then by ioyning of two simples, doe they make almost all their compounds. As for example: Nab (in the canting tongue) is a head, & Nab-cheate, is a hat or a cap, Which word cheate being coupled to other wordes, stands in verry good stead, and does excellent seruice: For a Smelling cheate, signifies a Nose: a Prat-ling chete, is a tongue. Crashing chetes, are teeth: Hearing chetes are Eares: Fambles are Hands: and there vpon a ring is called a Fabling chete. A Muffling chete signifies

ſles a Napkin. A Belly chete, an Apron: A Grunting chete, A Pig: A Cackling Chete, a Cocke or a Capon: A Quacking chete, a Duck: A Lowghing chete, a Cow: A Bleating chete, a Calfe, or a Sheepe: and ſo may that word be marryed to many others beſides.

The word Coue, or Cofe, or Cuffin ſignifies a Man, a Fellow, &c. But differs ſomething in his propertie, according as it meetes with other wordes: For a Gentleman is called a Gentry Coue, or Cofe: A good fellow is a Bene Cofen: Churle is called, a Quier Cuffin: Quier ſignifies naught, and Cuffin (as I ſaid before) a man: and in Canting they terme a Juſtice of peace, (becauſe he puniſheth them belike) by no other name then by Quier cuffin, that is to ſay a Churle, or a naughty man. And ſo, Ken ſignifying a houſe, they call a priſon, a Quier ken, that's to ſay, an ill houſe.

Many peeces of this ſtrange coyne could I ſhew you, but by theſe ſmall ſtampes, you may iudge of the greater.

Now becauſe, a Language is nothing els, then heapes of wordes, orderly woven and compoſed together: and that (within ſo narrow a circle as I haue drawne to my ſelfe) it is impoſſible to imprint a Dictionarie of all the Canting phraſes: I will at this time not make you ſurfet on too much, but as if you were walking in a Garden, you ſhall openly pluck here a flower, and there another, which (as I take it) will be more delightfull then if you gathered them by handfulls.

But before I lead you into that walke, ſtay and heare a Canter in his owne language making Rithmes, albeit (I thinke) tho'e charmes of Poeſie which (at the firſt) made the barbarous tame, and brought them to ciuilitie, can (vpon theſe ſauage Monſters) worke no ſuch wonder. Yet thus he ſinges (vpon demaund whether any of his own crue did come that way) to which he anſwers, yes (quoth he)

Canting rithmes.

ENough--with bowſy Coue maund Nace,
Tour the Patring Coue in the Darkeman Caſe,
Docked the Dell, for a Coper meke,
His wach ſhall feng a Prounces Nab-chete,
Cyarum, by Salmon, and thou ſhalt pek my Iere
In thy Gan, for my watch it is nace gere,
For the bene bowſe my watch hath a win &c.

This ſhort Leſſon I leaue to be conſtrued by him that is deſirous to try his skill in the language, which he may do by helpe of the following Dictionary; into which way that he may more redily come, I will tranſlate into Engliſh, this broken French that followes in Proſe. Two Canters hauing wrangled a while about ſome idle quarrell, at length growing friends, thus one of them ſpeakes to the other. viz.

A *Canter in proſe.*

STowe you beene Cofe: and cut benar whiddes and bing we to Rome vile, to nip a boung: ſo ſhall wee haue lowre for the bowſing ken, & when we beng back to the Dewſe a vile, we will filch ſome Duddes, off the Ruffmans, or mill the Ken for a lagge of Dudes.

Thus in Engliſh

Stowe you, beene cofe: hold your peace good fellow,
And cut benar whiddes: and ſpeake better words.
And bing we to Rome vile: and goe we to London.
To nip a boung: to cut a purſe.
So ſhall we haue lowre: ſo ſhall we haue mony.
For the bowſing Ken, for the Ale-houſe.
And when we bing backe: and when we come backe.
To the Dewſe-a-vile: into the Country.
We will filch ſome duddes: we will filch ſome clothes,
Off the Ruffmans: from the hedges,
Or mill the Ken: or rob the houſe,
For a lagge of Dudes: for a bucke of clothes.

Now

Now turne to your dictionary.

AND becauſe you ſhall not haue one diſh twice ſet before you, none of thoſe Canting wordes that are engliſhed before ſhall here be found: for our intent is to feaſt you with varietie.

The Canters Dictionarie.

AVtem, a church.
Autem-mort, a married woman.
Boung, a purſe.
Borde, a ſhilling.
Halfe a Borde, ſix pence.
Bowſe, drinke.
Bowſing Ken, an ale-houſe.
Bene, good.
Beneſhip, very good:
Bufe, a Dogge,
Bing a waſt, get you hence.
Caſter, a Cloake.
A Commiſſion, a ſhirt.
Chates, the Gallowes.
To cly the Ierke, to be whipped.
To cutt, to ſpeake.
To cutt bene, to ſpeake gently.
To cutt bene whiddes, to ſpeake good wordes.
To cutt quier whiddes, to giue euill language.
To Cant, to ſpeake.
To couch a Hogſhead, to lye downe a ſleepe.
Drawers, Hoſen.
Dudes, clothes.
Darkemans, the night.
Dewſe-a-vile, the country,
Dup the Giger, open the doore.
Fambles, hands.
Fambling Chete, a Ring.
Flag, a Goat
Glaſiers, eyes.
Gan, a mouth.

Gage, a Quart pott.
Grannam, Corne.
Gybe, a writing.
Glymmer, fire.
Gigger, a doore
Gentry Mort, a Gentlewoman
Gentry cofes Ken, a Noble mans house
Harman bek, a Constable.
Harmans, the Stockes.
Heaue a bough, rob a Boothe.
Iarke, a Seale.
Ken, a house.
Lage of Dudes, a Bucke of clothes.
Libbege, a bed.
Lowre, money.
Lap, Butter, Milke, or Whaye.
Libken, a house to lye in.
Lage, Water.
Light-mans, the day.
Mynt, Golde.
A Make, a halfe-penny.
Margery prater, a Henne.
Mawnding, asking.
To Mill, to Steale.
Mill a Ken, rob a house.
Nosegent, a Nunne.
Niggling, companying with a woman.
Pratt, a Buttock.
Peck, meate.
Poplars. Pottage.
Prancer, a Horse.
Prigging, Riding.
Patrico, a Priest.
Pad, a way.
Quaromes, a body.
Ruff-peck, Bacon.
Roger, or Tib of the Buttry, a Cowe.

Rome

Rome-vile, London.
Rome-bowſe, Wine.
Rome-mort, a Queene.
Ruffmans, the woodes, or bushes.
Ruffian, the Diuell.
Stampes: legges.
Stampers? shoores.
Slate: a sheete.
Skew: a cup.
Salomon: the masse.
Stuling ken: a house to receiue stolne goods.
Skipper: a barne.
Strommel, straw.
Smelling chete, an Orchard or Garden.
To scowre the Cramp-ring: to weare bowlts.
Scalling: making or ordeyning.
Tryning: hanging.
To twore: to see.
Wyn: a penny.
Yarum: milke.

And thus haue I builded vp a little Mint, where you may coyne words for your pleasure. The payment of this was a debt: for the Belman at his farewell (in his first Round which hee walk'd) promised so much. If hee keepe not touch, by tendring the due Summe, hee desires forbearance, and if any that is more rich in this Canting commodity will lend him any more, or any better, hee will pay his loue double: In the meane time, receiue this, and to giue it a little more weight, you shall haue a Canting song, wherein you may learne, how This cursed Generation pray, or (to speake truth) curse such Officers as punish them.

A *Canting song.*

THe Ruffin cly the nab of the Harman beck,
If we mawn d Pannam, lap or Ruff-peck,
Or poplars of yarum: he cuts, bing to the Ruffmans,
Or els he ſweares by the light-mans,
To put our ſtamps in the Harmans.
The ruffian cly the ghoſt of the Harman beck,
If we heaue a booth we cly the Ierke.

If we niggle, or mill a bowſing Ken,
Or nip a boung that has but a win,
Or dup the giger of a Gentry cofes ken,
To the quier cuffing we bing,
And then to the quier Ken, to ſcowre the Cramp-ring,
And then to the Trin'de on the chates, in the light mans
The Bube & Ruffian cly the Harman beck & harmans.

Thus Engliſhed.

THe Diuell take the Conſtables head,
If we beg Bacon, Butter-milke or bread.
Or Pottage, to the hedge he bids vs hie,
Or ſweares (by this light) ith ſtocks we ſhall lie.
The Deuill haunt the Conſtables ghoaſt,
If we rob but a Booth, we are whipd at a poaſt.

If an ale-houſe we rob, or be tane with a whore,
Or cut a purſe that has inſt a penny and no more,
Or come but ſtealing in at a Gentlemans doore,
To the Juſtice ſtraight we goe,
And then to the Jayle to be ſhackled: And ſo
To be hangd on the gallowes ith day time: the pox
And the Deuill take the Conſtable and his ſtocks.

We haue Canted (I feare) too much, let vs now giue eare to the Bel-man, and heare what he ſpeaks in engliſh.

The

THE BEL-MANS SECOND Nights walke.

CHAP. 2

IT was Terme time in hel (for you must vnderstand, a Lawyer liues there aswell as heere:) by which meanes don Lucifer (being the iustice for that Countie, where the Brimstone mines are) had better doings and more rapping at his gates, then all the Doctors & Empericall Quack-saluers of ten cities haue at theirs in a great plague-time. The hal where these Termers were to try their causes, was very large and strongly built, but it had one fault: it was so hot that people could not indure to walk there: Yet to walke there they were compelled, by reason they were drawne thither vppon occasions, and such iustling there was of one another, that it would haue grieued any man to be in the thronges amongst em. Nothing could bee heard but noise, and nothing of that noise be vnderstood, but that it was a sound as of men in a kingdome, when on a suddaine it is in an vprore. Euery one brabled with him that he walked with, or if he did but tell his tale to his Councell, he was so eager in the verry deliuery of that tale, that you would haue sworne he did brabble: and such gnashing of teeth there was when aduersaries met together, that the fyling of ten thousand Sawes cannot yeeld a sound more horrible. The Iudge of the Court had a diuelish countenance, and as cruell hee was in punishing those that were condemned by Lawe, as hee was crabbed in his lookes, whilst he sat to heare their tryals.

Qui fixit leges pretio atq; refixit.

A description of the Hall where matters are tryed in Hell.

Hinc exaudir gemitus, &c.

The iudge of the court.

Hac Rhadamanthus habet durissima regna; Castigatq; ditq; dolos, subigitq; fatetur, &c.

But

But albeit there was no pittie to be expected at his hands, yet was he so vpright in iustice, that none could euer fasten bribe vppon him, for he was ready and willing to heare the cries of all commers. Neither durst any Pleader (at the infernall Barre) or any officer of the Court, exact any Fee of Plaintiffes, and such as complained of wrongs and were opprest: but onely they paide that were the wrong-dooers, those would they see dambd ere they should gette out of their fingers, such fellowes they were appointed to vexe at the very soule.

Impios vinclis perpetuis domant.

The matters that here were put in sute, were more then could bee bred in twentie Vacations, yet should a man be dispatched out of hand. In one Terme he had his Judgement, for heare they neuer stand vppon Returnes, but presently come to Triall. The causes decided here are many; the Clients that complaine many; the Counsellors (that plead till they be hoarse,) many; the Attornies (that runne vp and downe,) infinite; the Clarkes of the Court, not to be numbred. All these haue their hands full; day and night are they so plagued with the bawling of Clients, that they neuer can rest.

The customes and condition of the court.

Vnde nunquã quum semel venit potuit eruerti.

The Inck where-with they write, is the blood of Coniurers: they haue no Paper, but all thinges are engrossed in Parchment, and that Parchment is made of Scriueners skinnes flead off, after they haue beene punished for Forgerie: their Standishes are the Sculs of Vsurers: their Pennes, the bones of vnconscionable Brokers, and hard-hearted Creditors, that haue made dice of other mens bones, or else of periured Executors and blind Ouer-seers, that haue eaten vp Widdowes and Orphanes to the bare bones: and those Pennes are made of purpose without Nebs, because they may cast Inck but slowly, in mockery of those, who in their life time were slowe in yeelding drops of pitty.

Would you know what actions are tried here? I wil but turne ouer the Recordes, and read them vnto you as they hang vppon the Fyle.

What matters are tryed before the Diuell.

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The Courtier is sued heere, and condemned for Ryots.
The Soldier is sued heere and condemned for murders
The Scholler is sued here & condemned for Herezies.
The Citizen is sued here and condemned for the city-fins.

The Farmer is sued heere vpon Penal Statutes, and condemned for spoyling the Markets.

Actions of batterie are brought against Swaggerers, and heere they are bound to the peace.

Actions of Waste are brought against drunkards and Epicures, and heere they are condemned to begge at the Grate for one drop of colde water to coole their tongues, or one crum of breade to stay their hunger, yet are they denyed it.

Harlots haue processe sued vpon them heere, and are condemned to Howling, to Rottennesse and to Stench. No Actes of Parliament that haue passed the * Upper-house, can be broken, but here the breach is punished, and that seuerely, and that suddenlly: For here they stand vpon no demurres; no Audita-Queræla can heere be gotten, no writs of Errors to Reuerse Iudgement: heere is no flying to a court of Chancery for releef, yet euerie one that comes heather is serued with a Sub-pœna. No, they deale altogether in this Court vpon the Habeas Corpus, vpon the Capias, vppon the Ne exeat Regneum, vpon Rebellion, vppon heauie Fines (but no Recoueries) vpon writers of Out-lary, to attache the body for euer, & last of all vppon Executions, after Iudgement, which being seru'd vpon a man is his euerlasting vndoing.

Such are the Customes and courses of proceedings in the Offices belonging to the Prince of Darknesse. These hot dooings hath he in his Terme-times. But vpon a day when a great matter was to be tryed betweene an Englishman and a Dutchman, which of the two were the fowlest Drinkers, and the case being a longtime in arguing, by reason that strong euidence came in reeling on both sides, (yet it was thought that the English-man

Quiq; arma secuti impia.

Epulaq; ante ora paratæ furiarum maxima iuxta accubat, & manibus prohibet contingere mensas.

*Heauen

Exercentur Pœnis, eternũq; malorum Supplicia expendunt

would carry it away, and cast the Dutchman) on a sodden all was staid by the sound of a horne that was heard at the lower end of the Hall. And euerie one looking back (as wondring at the strangenesse) roome roome was cride and made through the thickest of the crowde, for a certaine spirit in the likenesse of a post who made away on a little leane Nagge vp to the Bench where Iudge Radamanth with his two grim Brothers (Minos and Æacus) sat. This spirit was an intelligencer sent by Belzebub of Batharum into some Countries of Christendome, to lye there as a spie, shad brought with him a packet of letters from seuerall Leigiers, that lay in those Countries, for the seruice of the Tartarian their Lord and Maister, which packet being opened, all the Letters, (because they concerne the generall good and state of those lowe Countries in Hell) were publikely reade. The contents of that Letter stung most, and put them all out of their law-cases, were to this purpose,

subterranei Regni.

A letter against the Belman

That whereas the Lord of Fiery Lakes, had his Ministers in all kingdomes aboue the earth, whose Offices were not onely to winne subiects of other Princes to his obedience, but also to giue notice when any of his owne sworn houshold, or any other that held league with him should reuolt or flye from their duty & allegiance: as also discouer from time to time all plots, conspiracies, machinations, or vnderminings, that should be laid (albeit they that durst lay them should dig deepe enough) to blow vp his great Infernall cittie: so that if his Horned Regiment were not suddenly mustred together, and did not lustely bestirre their clouen stumps, his Territories wold be shaken, his dominions left in time vnpeopl'd, his forces look'd into, and his authorite which hee held in the world contemned & laughed to scorne. The reason was, *The Belman* a certaine fellow. The Childe of Darkenes, a common Night-walker, a man that had no man to waite vppon him but onely a Dog, one that was a disordered person,

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and at midnight would beate at mens doores, bidding them (in meere mockerie) to look to their candles when they themselues were in their dead sleeps: and albeit he was an Officer, yet he was but of Light-carriage, being knowne by the name of the Bell-man of London, had of late not only drawne a number of the Deuils owne kinred into question for their lines, but had also (only by the help of the lanthorne & candle) lookt into the secrets of the best trades that are taught in hell, laying them open to the broad eye of the world, making them infamous, odious, and ridiculous: yea, and not satisfied with dooing this wrong to his diuelliship, very spitefullye hath hee set them out in print, drawing their pictures so to the life, that now a horse-stealer shall not shew his head, but a halter with the Hang-mans noose is ready to bee fastned about it: A Foyst nor a Nip shall not walke into a Fayre or a Play-house, but euerie cracke will cry looke to your purses: nor a poore common Rogue come to a mans doore, but he shall be examined if he can cant? If this Baulking fellow therefore haue not his mouth stop'd, the light Angels that are coyned below, will neuer bee able to passe as they haue done, but be nailed vp for counterfeits, Hell will haue no dooings, and the deuill be no body.

This was the lyning of the Letter, and this Letter drawe them all to a Non-plus, because they knew not how to answere it. But at last aduice was taken, the Court brake vp, the Tearme was adiourn'd, (by reason that the Hell-hounds were thus Plagu'd) and a common counsell in hell was presently called how to redres these abuses.

The Sathanicall Sinagogue being set, vp starts the Father of Hell and damnation, and looking verrie terribly with a paire of eies that stared as wide as the mouth gapes at Bishops-gate, fetching foure or fiue deep sighes (which were nothing else but the Smoke of fire & brimstone boyling in his stomacke, and shewed as if hee were taking tobacco, which he often times does) tolde his children & seruãts (& the rest of the citizens that dwelt with-

in the freedome of Hel, and sat there before him vpon na-
row low formes) that they neuer had more cause to lay
their heads together, and to grow politicians. Hee and
they all knew, that from the Corners of the earth, some
Huc omnis turba. did euerie houre in a day creepe forth, to come and serue
him: yea, that many thousands were so bewitched with
his fauours, and his rare partes, that they would come
running quick to him, his dominions (be said) were great
and full of people: Emperors and Kings, (in infinit num-
Innumera gen tes populig; bers) were his slaues: his court was ful of Princes: if the
world were deuided (as some report) but into three parts
two of those three were his: or if (as others affirme) into
foure parts, almost three of that foure had bee firme foo-
ting.

But if such a fellow as a treble voic'd Bel-man, should
be suffered to pry into the infernal Misteries, & into those
Black Acts which command the spirits of the Deep, & ha-
uing sucked what knowledge he can from them, to turne
it al into poison, & to spit it in the verie faces of the profes-
sors, with a malicious intent to make them appeare vgly
and so to grow hatefull and out of fauor with ỳ world: if
such a conjurer at midnight should dance in their circles
and not be driuen out of them, hell in a few yeares would
not bee worth the dwelling in. The great Lord of Limbo
did therefore commaund all his Blacke Guard that stood
about him, to beskirre them in their places, and to defend
Grauco'entis Auerni. the Court wherein they liued: threatning (besides) that
his curse, & all the plagues of stinking hel should fall vpon
his officers, seruants, and subiects, vnlesse they either ad-
uis'd him, how, or take some speedy order themselues to
punish that saucy intelligencer, the Bel-man of London.
Thus he spake and then sat.

At last, a foolish Deuill rose vp, and shot the bolt of his
aduise, which flew thus farre, That the Blacke-dogge
of Newgate should againe bee let loose, and a farre off,
follow the Bailing Bel-men, to watch into what pla-
ces hee went, and what deedes of darkenesse (euerie
night)

night) bee did. Hinc risus! The whole Syniodicall assembly, fell a laughing at this Wise-acre, so that neither he nor his blacke-Dogge durst barke any more.

Another, thinking to cleane the verie pinne with his arrow, drew it home to the head of Wilsome (as he imaginde) and yet that lighted wide too, But thus shot his Counsell, that the Ghosts of all those theeues, Cheaters, and others of the damned crew, (who by the Bel-mans discouerie, had bene betraied, were taken and sent westward) should bee fetched from those fields of Horror, where euerie night they walke, disputing with Doctor Story, who keepes them company there in his corner Cap: & that those wry-neck'd spirits should haue charge giuen them to haunt the Bel-man in his walkes, and so fright him out of his wittes. This Deuill for all his roaring, went away neither with a Plaudite, nor with a hisse: Others step'd vp, some pronouncing one verdict some another: But at the last, it beeing put into their Diuelish heads, that they had no power ouer him farther then what should be giuen vnto them, it was concluded and set downe as a rule in Court, that some one strange spirit, [illegible] could transport himselfe into all shapes, should be sent vppe to London, and scorning to take reuenge vppon so meane a person as a Bel-ringer, should thrust himselfe into such companyes, (as in a warrant to bee signed for that purpose) should bee nominated: and beeing once growne familiar with them, bee was to worke and winne them by all possible meanes to fight vnder the dismall and blacke colours of the Grand Sophy, (his Lord and Master:) the fruite that was to grow vppon this tree of euill, would bee greate, for it should bee fit to bee serued vp to Don Lucifers Table, as a new banqueting Dish, sithence all his other meates, (though they fatted him well) were grown stale

Hereupon Pamerfiell the Messenger was called, a pasport was drawne, signed and deliuered to him, with certaine instruments how to carry himselfe in this tra-

nell. And thus much was openly ſpoken to him by word of mouth.

Flye Pamerſtil with ſpeede to the great and populous citie in the Weſt: winde thy ſelfe into all ſhapes: bee a Dogge (to fawne) a Dragon (to confound) bee a Doue (ſeeme innocent) bee a Deuill (as thou art) and ſhew that thou art a Iourniman to hell. Build rather thy neſt amongſt willowes that bend euerie way, then on tops of Oakes, whoſe hearts are hard to be broken: Fly with the Swallow, cloſe to ẏ earth, when ſtormes are at hand, but keep company with Birdes of greater tallants, when the weather is cleere, & neuer leaue them till they looke like Rauens: creepe into boſoms that are buttond vp in ſattin and there ſpred the wings of thine infection: make euerie head thy pillow to leane vpon, or vſe it like a Mill, onely to grinde miſchiefe. If thou meetſt a Dutchman, drinke with him: if a Frenchman, ſtab: if a Spaniard, betray: if an Italian poyſon: if an Engliſhman doe all this.

Haunt Tauerns, there thou ſhalt finde prodigalls: pay thy two-pence to a Player, in his gallerie maiſt thou ſitte by a Harlot: at Ordinaries maiſt thou dine with ſilken fooles: when the day ſteales out of [illegible] world, thou ſhalt meete rich drunkards, vnder [illegible] gownes ſearch for threeſcore in the hundred, hugge thoſe golden villaines, they ſhine bright, and will make a good ſhew in hell, ſhriek w̄ a cricket in the brew-houſe, & watch how they coniure there: Ride vp and downe Smith-field, and play the Jade there: viſit priſons, and teach Iaylors how to make nets of Iron there: binde thy ſelfe Prentice to the beſt trades: but if thou canſt grow extreame rich in a very ſhort time, (honeſtly) I baniſh thee my kingdome, come no more into hell, I haue red thee a lecture, follow it, farewell.

No ſooner was farwell ſpoken, but the ſpirit to whom all theſe matters were giuen in charge, baniſhed: the clouen footed Dictator aroſe, and the whole aſſembly went about their damnable buſineſſe.

Gul-groping.

How Gentlemen are cheated at Ordinaries. Chap. 3

THe Diuels foote-man was very nimble of his héeles (for no wilde-Irish man could out-runne him, and therefore in a few houres, was he come vp to London: the miles betweene Hell and any place vpon earth being shorter then those betweene London and Saint Albones, to any man that trauels from thence thither, or to any Lackey that comes from hence hether on the Deuils errands: but to any other poore soule, that dwells in those low contries, they are neuer at an end, and by him are not possible to bee measured.

No sooner was he entred into the Cittie, but hee met with one of his Maisters daughters called Pride, drest like a Marchants wife, who taking acquaintance of him, and vnderstanding for what hee came, tolde him, that the first thing hee was to doe, hee must put himselfe in good cloathes, such as were sutable to the fashion of the time, for that here, men were look'd vppon onely for their outsides: he that had not ten-pounds-worth of wares in his shop, would carry twentie markes on his back: that there were a number of sumpter-horses in the citty, who cared not how coursely they fed, so they might were gay trappings: yea, that some pied fooles, to put on satin and veluet but foure daies in the yeare did often-times vndoe themselues, wiues and Children euer after. The spirit of the Deuils Buttry hearing this, made a legge to Pride for her counsell, and knowing by his owne experience that euerie Taylor hath his hell to himselfe, vnder his Shop-board, (where he dammes new Sattin) amongst them he thought to finde best welcome, and therefore into Burchin-lane hee stalkes verie mannerly, Pride going along with him, and taking the vpper hand.

Auferimur cultu, Gemmis aureq; tegnuntur omnia.

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Burchin lane described. Taylors at first were called *Linnen-Armorers*. sericants

No sooner was he entred into the ranks of the Linnen Armorers, (whose weapons are Spanish needles) but he was most terribly and sharpely set vpon euerie prentice boy had a pull at him: he feared they all had bin Sericants, because they all had him by the back: never was poore deuil so tormented in hell, as he was amongst them: he thought it had bene Saint Thomas his day, & that he had bene called vpon to be Constable: there was such balling in his eares: and no strength could shake them off, but that they must shewe him some suites of apparell, because they saw what Gentlewoman was in his company (whom they all knew) Seeing no remedie, into a shop he goes, was fitted brauely, and beating the price, found the lowest to be vnreasonable, yet paide it, and departed, none of them (by reason of their crowding about him before) perceiuing what customer they had met with, but now the Taylor spying the deuill, suffered him to go, never praying that he would know the shop another time, but looking round about his ware-house if nothing were missing, at length he found that he had lost his cõscience: yet remembring himselfe, that they who deale with the diuel, can hardly keepe it, he stood vpon it the lesse.

The fashions of an Ordinarie.

The Stigian traueller beeing thus translated into an accomplish'd gallant, with all acoutrements belonging (as a fether for his head, gilt rapier for his side, & new boots to hide his polt foote (for in Bed-lam hee met with a shoemaker, a mad slaue, that knew the length of his last) it rested, onely that now he was to enter vpon company sutable to his cloathes: and knowing that your most selected Gallants are the onelye table-men that are plaid with al at Ordinaries, into an Ordinary did he most gentleman like, conuay himselfe in state.

It seemed that al who came thether, had clocks in their bellies, for they all struck into the dyning roome much about the very minute of seeding. Our Canalier had all

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the eyes (that came in (throwne vpon him, (as being a stranger: for no Ambassador from the diuell euer dined amongst them before,) and he as much tooke especiall notes of them. In obseruing of whom and of the place he found, that an Ordinary was the only Rendeuous for the most ingenious, most terse, most trauaild, and most phantastick gallant: the very Exchange for newes out of al countries: the only Booke-sellers shop for conference of the best Editions, that if a womā (to be a Lady (would cast away herself vpon a knight, there a man should heare a Catalogue of most of the richest London widowes: & last, that it was a schoole where they were all fellowes of one Forme, & that a country gentlemen was of as great comming as ỹ proudest Iustice that sat there on ỹ bench aboue him: for he that had the graine of the table with his trencher, payd no more then he that plac'd himself beneath the sale.

The diuers intelligencer could not be contented to fill his eye onely with these obiects, and to feed his belly with delicate cheere: But hee drew a larger picture of all that were there, and in these colours.

The beider hauing clered the table, Cardes & Dice (for the last Medle) are serued vp to the board: they that are ful of coyne, draw: they that haue little, stand by & giue ayme: they shuffle and cut on one side: the bones rattle on the other: long haue they not plaide, but others fly vp & down the roome like haile-shot: if the poore dumb dice be but a little out of square, the pox & a thousand plagues breake their neckes out at window: presently after, the foure knaues are sent packing the same way, or els (like heretikes are) condemned to be burnt.

In this battaile of Cardes and Dice, are seuerall Regiments & seuerall Officiers.

They that sit downe to play, are at first cald Leaders.
They that loose, are the Forlorne Hope.
He that winnes all, is the Eagle.
He that stands by & Ventures, is the Wod-pecker.
The fresh Gallant that is fetcht in is The Gull,
He that stands by, and lends, is the Gull-groper.

The Gull-groper.

This Gul-groper is commonly an old Pony-mõger, who hauing trauaild through all the follyes of the world in his youth, knowes them well, and shunnes them in his age, his whole felicitie being to fill his bags with golde and siluer: hee comes to an Ordinary, to saue charges of house-keeping, and will eate for his two shillings, more meate then will serue three of the guard at a dinner, yet sweares hee comes thether onely for the company, and to conuerse with trauailers. Its a Gold-Finch that seldome flies to these Ordinary Nests, without a hundred or two hundred pound in twenty shilling peeces about him. After the tearing of some seauen paire of Cardes, or the damning of some ten baile of Dice, steps hee vpon the Stage, and this part he playes. If any of the Forlorne Hope bee a Gentleman of Meanes, either in Esse, or in Posse, (and that the olde Fox will bee sure to know to halfe an Acre,) whose money runnes at a low ebbe, as may appeare by his scratching of the head, and walking vp and downe the roome, as if he wanted an Officer: The Gull-groper takes him to a side window and tels him, hee's sorry to see his hard luck, but the Dice are made of womens bones, and will cozen any man, yet for his fathers sake (whom he hath knowne so long) if it please him, he shal not leaue off play for a hundred pound or two. If my yong Estrich gape to swallow downe this mettall (as for the most part they are very greedy, hauing such prouander set before them) then is the gold powred on the board, a Bond is made for repaiment, at the next quarter day when Exhibition is sent in: and because it is all gold, and cost so much the changing, The Scriuener (who is a whelpe of the old Mastiues owne breeding) knows what words will bite, which thus he fastens vpõ him, and in this Nette the Gull is sure to be taken (howsoeuer:) for if he fall to play againe, & loose, the hoary Goat-bearded Satyre that stands at his elbow, laughes in

in his sleeue: if his bags be so recouered of their Falling-sicknes, that they be able presently to repay the borrowed gold, then Monsieur Gul-groper steales away of purpose to auoide the receipt of it; he hath fatter Chickens in hatching: tis a higher marke he shootes at. For the day being come when the bond growes due, the within named Signior Auaro will not be within: or if he be at home, he hath wedges enough in his pate, to cause the bond to bee broken, or else a little before the day, he feeds my young Mailler with such sweet words, that surfetting vpon his protestations, hee neglects his paiment, as presuming hee may do more. But the Law hauing a hand in the forfeiture of the bond, laies presently hold of our yong Gallant with the helpe of a couple of Seriants, and iust at such a time when old Erra Pater (the Iew,) that lent him the money, knowes by his owne Prognostication, that the Moone with the siluer face is with him in the waine. Nothing then can free him out of the phanges of those bloud-hounds, but he must presently confesse a iudgment, for so much money, or for such a Mano^r or Lordship (three times worth the bond forfeited) to be paid or to be entred vpon by him, by such a day or within so many moneths after he comes to his land. And thus are young heires cozend of their Acres, before they well know where they lye.

The Wood-pecker.

THe Wood-pecker is a bird that sits by vpon a perch too: but is nothing so dangerous, as this Vulture spoken of before. He deales altogether vpon Returnes, (as men do that take three for one, at their comming back from Ierusalem &c.) for hauing a Iewell, a Clock, a Ring with a Diamond, or any such like commoditie, he notes him well that commonly is best acquainted with the Dice, and hath euer good luck: to him he offers his prize, rating it at ten or fifteene pound, when happily tis not worth aboue six. and for it he bargaines to receiue fiue shillings or ten shillings (according as it is in value) at

euery hand, second, third, or fourth hand he drawes: by which means he perhaps in a short time, makes that yéld him forty or fifty pound, which could not halfe twenty. Many of these Merchant venturers sailes from Ordinary to Ordinary, being sure alwayes to make sauing Voiages, when they that put in ten times more then they, are for the most part loosers.

The Gull.

NOw if either The Leaders, or The Forlorne Hope, or any of the rest, cháce to beare of a yong Fresh-water soldier that neuer before followed these strange warres, and yet hath a Charge newly giuen him (by the old fellow Soldado Vecchio his father, when Death had shotte him into the Graue) of some ten or twelue thousand in ready money, besides so many hundreds a yeare: first are Scoutes sent out to discouer his Lodging, that knowne: some lie in ambush to note what Apothecaries shop hée resorts too euery morning, or in what Tobacco-shop in Fléet-street he takes a pipe of Smoake in the afternoone: that fort which the Puny holds, is sure to be beleaguerd by the whole troope of the old weather beaten Gallants: amongst whom some one, whose [illegible] thought to be of a better block for his head, than the rest, is appointed to single out our Nouice, and after some foure or fiue dayes spent in Complement, our heire to seauen hundred a yeare is drawne to an Ordinary, into which he no sooner enters, but all the old-ones in that Nest flutter about him, embrace, protest, kisse the hand, Conge to the very garter, and in the end (to shew that hee is no small foole, but that he knows his father left him not so much money for nothing,) the yong Cub suffers himselfe to be drawne to the stake: to flesh him, Fortune and the Dice (or rather the False-dice, that coozen Fortune, & make a foole of him too) shall so fauor him, that he marches away from a battaile or two, the onely winner. But after wards, let him play how warily soeuer he can, the damned Dice shall

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croſſe him, & his ſiluer croſſes ſhall bleſſe thoſe that play againſt him: for euen they that ſéeme déerest to his bo-ſome, ſhall firſt be ready, and be the formoſt to enter with the other Leaders into conſpiracy, how to make ſpoile of his golden bags. By ſuch ranſacking of Citizens ſonnes wealth, the Leaders maintaine themſelues braue, the Forlorne-hope, that drop'd before, do'es now gallantly come on. The Eagle fethers his neſt, the Wood-pecker pickes vp his crums, the Gul-groper growes fat with good feeding: and the Gull himſelfe, at whom euery one has a pull, hath in the end ſcarce fethers enough to keepe his owne back warme.

The Poſt-maiſter of Hell, ſéeing ſuch villanies to go vp and downe in cloakes lin'd cleane through with Velvet, was glad he had ſuch newes to ſend ouer, and therefore ſealing vp a letter full of it, deliuered the ſame to filthy-bearded Charon) their owne Water-man) to be conuaide firſt to the Porter of Hell, & then (by him) to the Maiſter Keeper of the Diuels.

Portitoribus horrendus aquas & flammas ſeruat, Terribili ſqualore Charon, Cui plurima mento, Canities inculta iacet.

Of Ferreting.

The Manner of vndooing Gentlemen by taking vp of commodities.

CHAP. IIII.

Hunting is a noble, a manly, & a healthfull exercise, it is a very true picture of warre, nay it is a war in it ſelfe, for engines are brought into the field, ſtratagems are contriued, ambuſhes are laide, onſets are giuen, alarums ſtruck vp, braue incounters are made, fierce aſſailings are reſiſted by ſtrength, by courage, or by pollicy: the enemy is purſued, and the Purſuers neuer giue ouer till they haue him in execution: then is a Retreate ſounded, then are ſpoiles diuided, then come they home wearied, but yet crowned with honor & victory. And as in battailes there be ſeuerall maners of fight: ſo in the paſtime of hunting, there are ſeuerall degrees of game. Some hunt

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Hunting of the Lyon, &c

the Lion, and that shewes as when subiects rise in Armes against their King: Some hunt the Vnicorne for the treasure on his head, and they are like coueto[illegible] men, that care not whome they kill for riches: some hunt the Spotted Panther and the freckled Leopard, they are such as to inioy their pleasures, regard not how blacke an infamy sticks vpon them: All these are barbarous & vnnaturall Huntsmen, for they range vp and downe the Deserts, the Wilderne[illegible], and inhabitable Mountaines.

Hunting of the Bucke.

Others pursue the long liued Hart, the courageous Stag or the nimble footed Deere: these are the Noblest hunters, and they exercise the Noblest game: these by following the Chace get strength of body, a free and vndisquieted minde, magnanimity of spirit, alacrity of heart and an vnwearisomnesse to breake through the hardest labours: their pleasures are not insatiable but are contented to be kept within limits, for these hunt within Parkes inclosed, or within bounded Forrests.

Hunting of the Hare.

The hunting of the Hare teaches feare to be bould, and puts simplicity so to her shifts, that she growes cunning and prouident: the turnings and crosse windings that she makes, are embleames of [illegible]fes vncertainty: when she thinkes she is furdest from danger, it is at he heeles, and when it is nerest to her, the hand of safety defends her. When she is wearied and has runne her race, she takes her death patiently, onely to teach man, that he should make himselfe redy, when the graue gapes for him.

De magno prada petenda grege.

All these kinds of hunting are abroad in the open field, but there is a close cuty hunting onely within the walls, that pulles downe Parkes, layes open forrests, destroies Chaces, woundes the Deare of the land, and make such hauocke of the goodliest Heards, that by their wills, (who are the rangers,) none should be left a liue but the Raskalls: This kinde of hunting is base, and ignoble, It is the meanest, yet the most mischieuous, & it is called Ferreting. To behold a course or two at this, did the light horseman of Hell one day leape into the saddle.

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Citty-Hunting.

THis Ferret-hunting hath his Seasons as other games haue, and is onely followed at such a time of yeare, when the Gentry of our kingdome by riots, hauing chased them-selues out of the faire reuenewes and large possession left to them by their ancestors, are forced to hide their heads like Conies, in little caues and in vnfrequented places: or else being almost windles, by running after sensuall pleasures too feircely, they are glad (for keeping them-selues in breath so long as a they can) to tal to Ferret-hunting, ẏ is to say, to take vp commodities. No warrant can bee graunted for a Bucke in this forrest, but it must passe vnder these flue hands.

What persons follovv the game of Ferret hunting.

Dolor ac voluptas inuicem cedunt.

1 He that hunts vp and downe to find game, is called the Tombler.

2 The commodities that are taken vp are cald Pursenets.

3 The Cittizen that selles them is the Ferret.

4 They that take vp are the Rabbet-suckers.

5 He, vpon whose credit these Rabbet-suckers runne, is called the Warren.

The tragedy of Ferret-hunting diuided into 5 acts.

How the Warren is made.

AFter a raine, Conies vse to come out of their Holes and to sit nibling on weeds or any thing in the coole of the euening, and after a reueling when younger brothers haue spent al, or in gaming haue lost al, they sit plotting in their chambers with necessity how to be furnished presently with a new supply of money. They would take vp any commodity whatsoeuer, but their names stand in too many texted letters all ready in Mercers and Scriueners bookes: vpon a hundred poundes worth of Roasted beefe they could finde in their hearts to venture, for that would away in turning of a hand: but where shall they find a Butcher or a Cooke that will let any man runne so much vpon the score for flesh onely?

Nam illa omnes artes perdecet, vbi quem attigit.

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Suppose therefore that Foure of such loose fortun'd gallants were tied in one knot, and knew not how to fasten themselues vpon some wealthy cittizen. At the length it runnes into their heads, that such a young Nouice (who daily serues to fill vp their company) was neuer intangled in any city limebush: they know his present meanes to be good, and thos to come to be great: him therefore they lay vpon the Anuill of their wits, till they haue wrought him like war, for him-selue as well as for them: to doe any thing in war, or indeed till they haue won him to slide vpon this ice, because he knowes not the danger) is he easily drawne: for he considers within himselfe that they are all gentlemen well descended, they haue rich fathers, they weare good clothes, haue bin gallant spenders, and do now and then (still) let it fly freely: hee is to venture vpon no more rockes than all they, what then should her feare? her therefore resolues to do it, and the rather because his owne exhibition runnes low, & that there lacke a great many weekes to the quarter day, at which time he shalbe refurnished from his father.

Dum spectant oculi lusos, ludentur & ipsi

The Match being thus agreed vpon, one of them that has bene an ould Ferret-monger, & knowes all the trickes of such Hūting, seekes out a Tumbler, that is to say a fellow, who beates the bush for them till they catch the birds, he himselfe being contented (as he protests & sweares) onely with a few fethers.

The tumblers Hunting dry-foote.

The nature of a London Tumbler.

This Tumbler being let loose, runnes Snuffing vp and downe close to the ground, in the shoppes either of Mercers, Goldsmithes, Drapers, Haberdashers, or of any other trade, where he thinckes hee may meete with a Ferret: and tho vpon his very first course, hee can find his game, yet to make his gallants more hungry, and to thinke he wearies himselfe in hunting the more, hee comes to them sweating and swearing that the City Ferrets are so coaped (thats to say hare

haue their lips stitched vp so close) that he can hardly get them open to so great a sum as fiue hundred pounds which they desire. This heade being shewd downe by the Rabbet-suckers almost kils their hearts, and is worse to them then dabbing on the necke to Connies. They bid him if he cannot fasten his teeth vpon plate or Cloth, or Silkes, to lay hold on browne paper or Tobacco, Bartholmew babies, Lute stringes or Hobnailes, or two hundred pounds in Saint Thomas Onions and the rest in mony; the Onions they could get wenches enough to cry and sell them by the Rope, and what remaines should serue them with mutton. Vppon this, their Tumbler trottes vppe and downe again: and at last lighting on a Cittizen that will deale, the names are receiued, and deliuered to a Scriuener, who enquiring whether theybee good men and true, that are to passe vppon the life and death of fiue hundred pounds, findes that foure of the fiue, are winde-shaken, and ready to fall into the Lordes handes, Marry the fift man, is an Oake, and theres hope that he cannot bee hewed downe in haste. Vppon him therefore the Cittizen buildes so much as comes to fiue hundred pounds, yet takes in the other foure to make them serue as scaffolding, till the Farme bee furnished, and if then it hold, he cares not greatly who takes them downe. In all hast, are the bondes sealed, and the commodities deliuered, And then doe sthe Tumbler fetch his second carreere, and thats this.

Nil habet infelix paupertas durius in se, Quam quod ridiculos homines facit.

The Tumblers Hunting Counter.

The wares which they fished for b eeing in the hand of the fiue shauers, do now more trouble their wits how to turne those Wares into redy mony, then before they were troubled to turn their credits into wares. The Tree being once more to be shaken, they knowe it must loose fruite, and therefore their Factor must barter away their Marchandise, tho it be withlosse: Abroad is in-

to the Cittie he Sailes for that purpose, and deales with him that sold, to buy his owne Commodities againe for ready mony; he will not doe it vnder 30. l. losse in the Hundred: Other Archers bowes are tryed at the same marke, but al keepe much about one scantling: back therfore comes their Carrier with this newes, that no man will disburse so much present money vppon any wares whatsoeuer. Onely he met by good fortune with one friend (and that friend is himselfe) who for 10 l. will procure them a Chapman, marry that chapman wil not buy vnlesse he may haue them at 30. l. losse in the Hundred: fuh, cry all the Sharers, a por on these For-fund Curmudgions, giue that fellow your friend 10. l. for his paines, & fetch the rest of his money: within an houre after, it is brought, and powr'd downe in one heape vppon a tauerne table; where making a goodly shew as if it could neuer be spent, al of thé consult what for the Tumbler is to haue for Hunting so wel, and conclude that lesse then 10. l they cannot giue him, which 10. l. is ỳ first mony told out Now let vs cast vp this Account: In euery 100. l. is lost 30. which being 5. times 30. l. makes 150. l. that Sum the Ferret puts vp clear besides his ouer-prising the wares: vnto which 150. l lost, ad 10, l more which the Tumbler guls them off, & other 10. l. which he hath for his voyage, al which makes 170. l. which deducted from 500. l. there remaineth onely 330. to be deuided amongst 5. so that euery one of ỳ partners shall haue but 66. l. yet this they all put vp merily, washing down their losses vñ Sack and Sugar, whereof they drinke that night profoundly.

Dedit hanc contagio labé, et Dabit in plures.

How the Warren is spoyled.

WHilst this faire weather lasteth, and that there is any grasse to nibble vpon, These Rabbet-uckers kéep to the Warren wherein they fatned: but th cold day of repaiment approaching, they retire deepe into their Caues; so that when the Ferret makes account to haue fiue before him in chase, foure of the fiue ly hidd,

& are stolne into other grounds. No maruell then if the Ferret growe fierce & teare open his owniawes, to suck blood from him that is left: no maruaile if he scratch what wool he can frō his back: the Pursnets ẏ were Set are all Taken vp and carried away. The Warren therfore must bee Searched, That must pay for all, ouer that does hee range like a little Lord. Sargeants, Marshals-men, and Baliffes are sent forth, who lie scowting at enery corner, & with terrible pawes haunt euery walke. In conclusion the bird that these Hawkes flie after, is seazd vpon, then are his fethers pluck'd, his estate look'd into, thē are his wings broken, his lāds made ouer to a strāger: then must our yong son and heire pay 500. l. (for which he neuer had but 66. l.) or else lie in prison. To keep himselfe from which, he seales to any bond, enters into any statut, morgageth any Lordship, Does any thing, Saies any thing, yeelds to pay any thing, And these Citty stormes (which will wet a man till he haue neuer a dry threed about him, tho he be kept neuer so warme) fall not vpon him once or twise: But being a little way in, he cares not how deepe he wades: ẏ greater his possessions are, the apter he is to take vp & to be trusted: the more he is trusted, the more he comes in debt, the farther in debt, the neerer to danger. Thus Gentlemen are wrought vpō, thus are they Cheated, thus are they Ferreted, thus are they Vndonne.

Infelix Vitu excidit ipse suis.

Grandia permultos tenuantur Flumina riuos.

Fawlconers.

Of a new kinde of Hawking, teaching how to catch birds by bookes.

HVnting and Hawking are of kin, and therefore it is fit they should keepe company together: Both of them are noble Games, and Recreations, honest and healthful, yet they may so be abused that nothing can be more hurtfull. In Hunting, the Game is commonly still before you, or i'th hearing, and within a little compasse: In Hawking

Hawking.

king the game flies farre off, and oftentimes out of sight: A Couple of Rookes therefore (that were birds of the last feather) conspired together to leaue their nest in the Citty, and to flutter abroad into the countrie: Vpon two leane hackneies were these two Doctor doddipols hoist, Cruilly suited, that they might carry about them some badge of a Scholler.

Facies non omnium vna, nec dissimilis animorum.

The diuels Ranck-ryder, that came from the last Citty-hūting, vnderstanding that two such Light-horsemen, were gon a Hawking, posts after and ouer-takes them. After some ordinary high-way talk, he begins to question of what profession they were: One of them smyling scornfully in his face, as thinking him to be some Gull, (and indeed such fellowes take all men for Gulles who they thinke to be beneath them in quallitie) tolde him they were Falconers. But the Fore that followed them seeing no properties, (belonging to a Falconer) about them smelt knauery, took them for a paire of mad rascals, & therfore resolued to see at what these Falconers would let flie.

Qui nisi quod ipsi faciunt, nihil rectum putant.

How to cast vp the Lure.

AT last on a suddaine saies one of them to him, sir, wee haue Sprung a Partridge, and so fare you wel: which wordes came stammering out with the haste that they made, for presently the two Forragers of the Countrie, were vppon the Spurre: Plutoes Post seeing this stood still to watch them, and at length saw them in maine gallop make toward a goodly faire place, where either some Knight or some great Gentleman kept, and this goodly house belike was the Partridge which those falconers had sprung. Hee beeing loath to loose his share in this Hawking, and hauing power to transforme himselfe as hee listed, came thither as soone as they, but beheld all (which they did) inuisible. They both like two Knights Errant alighted at the Gate, knocked and were lette in: the one walkes the Hackneyes in an outward Court, as if hee had bene but Squire to Sir Dagonet. The o-

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ther (as boldly as Saint George when he dar'd the dragon at his verrie Den) marcheth vndauntedly vp to the Hall, where looking ouer those poore creatures of the house, that weare but the bare Blew-coates (for Aquila non capit Muscas) what should a Falconer meddle with flies? hee onely salutes him that in his eye seemes to bee a Gentleman like fellow: Of him he askes for his good Knight or so, and saies that he is a ⋆ Gentleman come from London on a businesse, which he must deliuer to his owne Worshipfull Eare. Vp the staires does braue Mount-Dragon ascend, the Knight and he encounter, and with this staffe does he valiantly charge vpon him.

Et quæ nõ fecimus ipsi, vix ea nostra voco:

How the Bird is Caught.

SIr I am a poore ⋆ Scholler, and the report of your vertues hath drawne me hither, venturously bolde to fixe your worthy name as a patronage to a poore short discourse which here I dedicate (out of my loue) to your noble and eternall Memory: this speech he vtters barely.

Sen stos fuit ille Caducus Frange Puer Calamos et inanes desere Musas Quid nisi Monstra legis?

The Hawking pamphleter is then bid to put on, whilst his Miscellane Mæcenas, opens a booke fairely aparreld in vellom with gilt fillets & fore-penny silke ribbon at least, like little streamers on the top of a Marchpane Castle, hanging dandling by at ye foure corners, the title being superficially suruaide, in the next leafe he sees that the Author hee, hath made him one of his Gossips for the booke carries his worships name, & vnder it stands an Epistle iust the length of a Hench-mans grace before dinner, which is long inough for any booke in conscience, vnlesse the writer be vnreasonable.

The knight being told before hand, that this little sunbeame of Phœbus (shining thus briskly in print) hath his Mite or At my wayting vppon him in the outward court) thankes him for his loue and labour, and considering with himselfe, what cost he hath beene at, and how farre he hath ridden to come to him, he knowes that Patrons and Godfathers, are to pay scot and lot alike, and

therefore to cherish his young and tender Muse, he giues him foure or sixe Angells, inuiting him either to stay breakefast, or if the sun-diall of the house points towards eleauen, then to tary dinner.

How the bird is drest.

But the fish being caught (for which our Heliconian Angler threw out his lines) with thankes, and legs and kissing his own hand, he parts. No sooner is he horst, but his Hostler (who all this while walked the iades, and trauailes vp & down with him (like an vnde seruing plaier for halfe a share) askes this question Strawes or not? Strawes cries the whole sharer and a halfe, away then replies the first, flie to our nest: This nest is neuer in the same towne but commonly a mile or two off and it is nothing els but the next Tauerne they come to. But the Village into which they rode being not able to maintaine an Iuybush, an Ale-house was their Inne: where aduancing themselues into the fairest Chamber, and beespeaking the best cheere in the towne for dinner, down they sit, & share before they speake of any thing els: That done, he that ventures vpon all he meetes, and discharges the paper Bullets, (for to tell truth, the other serues but as a signe, and is meerely nobody) beginnes to discourse, how he caried himselfe in the action, how he was encountred: how he stood to his tackling and how well hee came off: he cals the Knight, a Noble fellow, yet they both shrug, and laugh, and sweares they are glad they haue Guld him.

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How birds are drest after they be caught.

More arrowes must they shoote of the same length that this first was off, and therfore there is Trunck ful of Trinckets, thats to say, their budget of Bookes, is opend againe, to see what leafe they are to turne ouer next, which whilst they are dooing, the Ghost that al this space haunted them, and hard what they said, hauing excellent, skill in the blacke-art, thats to say in picking of lockes, maks the dore suddenly flye open (which they had closely

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ſhut. At his ſtrange entrance they being ſomwhat agaſt, began to ſhuffle away their bookes, but he knowing what cardes they plaide withal, offred to cut, and turne vp two Knaues by this trick. My maiſters (quoth he) I knowe where you haue bin, I know what you haue don, I know what you meane to do, I ſee now you are Falconers indeed, but by the (and then he ſwore a damnable oth) vnleſſe you teach me to ſhote in this Birding peece, I will raiſe the Village, ſend for the knight whome you boaſt you haue gull'd, and ſo diſgrace you: for your money I care not.

The two Free-booters ſeeing themſelues ſmoakd, told their third Brother, he ſeemd to be a gentleman and a boone companion, they prayed him therefore to ſit downe with ſilence, and ſithence dinner was not yet ready, he ſhould heare all.

This new kinde of Hawking (qd. one of them) which you ſee vs vſe can afford no name vnles 5. be at it. viz.

1. He that caſts vp the Lure is calld the Falconer.

2 The Lure that is caſt vp is an idle Pamphlet.

3. The Tercel Gentle that comes to the Lure, is ſome knight or ſome gentleman of like qualitie.

4. The Bird that is preied vpon, is Money.

5. Hee that walkes the horſes, and hunts dry foote is calld a Mongrell.

The Falconer and his Spaniell.

THe Falconer haning ſcraped together certaine ſmall paringes of witte, he firſt cuttes them handſomely in pretty peeces, and of thoſe peeces does he patch vppe a booke. This booke he prints at his own charge, the Mongrell running vppe and downe to looke to the workemen, and bearing likewiſe ſome parte of the coſt, (for which he enters vpon his halfe ſhare) When it is fully finiſhed, the Falconer and his Mongrell, or it may bee two Falconers ioyne in one,) but howſoeuer, it is by them deuiſed what Shire in England it is beſt to forrage next: that

that beeing set downe, the Falconers deale either with a Herauld for a note of all the Knights and Gentlemens names of worth that dwell in that circuit, which they meane to ride, or els by inquiry get the chiefest of them, printing of so many Epistles as they haue names, ỹ epistles Dedicatory being all one, and vary in nothing but in the titles of their patrons.

strange hawking.

Hauing thus furnished themselues and packed vp their wares, away they trudge like tinckers, with a budget at one of their backes, or it may be the circle they meane to continue in shall not be out of London, especially if it be Tearme-time, or when a Parliament is holden (for then they haue choise of sweete-meats to feed vppon. (If a gentleman seeing one of these bookes Dedicated onely to his name, suspect it to be a bastard, that hath more fathers besides himselfe, and to try that, does deferre the Presenter for a day or two, sending in the meane time (as some haue done) into Paules Church-yard amongst the Stationers, to inquire if any such worke be come forth, & if they cannot tell, then to steppe to the Printers: Yet haue the Falconers a tricke to goe beyond such Hawkes too, for all they flye so hie. And that is this: The bookes lye all at the Printers, but not one line of an epistle to any of them (those bug-beares lurke in Tenebris) if then the Spy that is sent by his Maister, ask why they haue no dedications to them, Mounsier Printer tels him, the author would not venture to adde any to them all, (saving onely to that which was giuen to his Maister, vntill it was knowne whether he could accept of it or no.

This satisfies the Patron, this fetches money from him: and this Cozens fiue hundred besides. Nay there bee others Bird-catchers that vse stranger Quaile-pipes: you shal haue fellowes, foure or fiue in a contry, that buying vp any old Booke (especially a Sermon, or any other matter of Diuinity) that lies for waste-paper, and is clean forgotten, add a new-printed Epistle to it, and with an Alphabet of letters which they carry about them, being able

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to print any mans names (for a Dedication) on the suddaine, trauaile vp and downe mosto Shires in Englād, and liue by this Hawking.

Are we not excellent Falconers now (quoth three half shares?) excellent villaines cryed the deuils Deputy: by this the meate (for dinner came smoaking in, vpon which they fell most tirannically, yet (for maners sake) offering first, to the Balif of Belzebub the vpper end of the table, but he fearing they would make a Hauke or a Buzzard of him too, and report they had ridden him like an Asse, as they had done others, out a doores hee flung with a vengeance as he came.

O sacred Learning! why doost thou suffer thy seauen leaued tree, to be plucked by barbarous and most vnhallowed handes? Why is thy beatifull Maiden-body, polluted like a strumpets, and prostituted to beastly and slauish Ignorance? O thou Base-broode, that make the Muses harlots: yet say they are your Mothers? You Theeues of Wit, Cheators of Arte, traitors of schooles of Learning: murderers of Schollers. More worthy you are, to vndergoe the Romane Furca like slaues, and to be branded ith fore-head deeper then they that forge testaments to vndoe Orphants: Such doe but rob children of goods that may be lost: but you rob Schollers of their Fame, which is deerer then life. You are not worth an Inuectiue, not worthy to haue your names dropp out of a deseruing pen, you shall onely bee executed in Picture: (as they vse to handle Malefactors in France) and the picture (though it were drawne to be hung vp in another place) shal leaue you impudently-arrogāt to your selues, and ignominiously-ridiculous to after ages: in these collours, are you drawne.

Curego si neq ignoreq; Potea salutor

The true picture of these Falconers.

———There be Fellowes
Of course and common bloud; Mechanicke knaues,
Whose wits lye deeper buried then in graues:
And indeede smell more earthy, whose creation

Proh superi quantum pectora cacæ Noctis Habēt

Was but to giue a Boote or Shooe good faſhion.
Yet theſe (throwing by the Apron and the Awle)
scribimus indocti doctiq; Being drunck with their own wit, caſt vp their gall
Onely of yncke: and in patcht, beggerly Rimes,
(As full of fowle corruption, as the Times)
From towne to towne they ſtrowle in ſoule, as poore
As th'are in clothes: yet theſe at euery doore,
Their labors Dedicate. But (as at Faires)
Like Pedlars, they ſhew ſtill one ſort of wares
Vnto all commers (with ſome filde oration)
miſerum eſt aliorum incũbere fama And thus to giue bookes, now's an occupation.
One booke hath ſeauen ſcore patrons: thus deſart
Is cheated of her due: thus noble art
Giues Ignorance (that common ſtrumpet) place,
Thus the true ſchollers name growes cheap & baſe. &c

Iacks of the Clock-houſe.

A new and cunning drawing of money from Gentlemen.

Chap. 6

THere is another Fraternitie of wandring Pilgrims who mercily call themſelues Iackes of the Clocke-houſe, and are verey neere allyed to the Falconers that went a Hawking before. The Clarke of Erebus ſet downe their names two in his Tables, with certain briefe notes of their practiſes: and theſe they are.

The Iacke of a Clocke-houſe goes vppon Screwes, and his office is to do nothing but ſtrike: ſo does this noiſe, (for they walke vp and downe like Fidlers) trauaile with Motions, and whatſoeuer their Motions get them, is called ſtriking.

Theſe Motions are certaine Collections, or wittie Inuentions, ſome-times of one thing, and then of an other (there is a new one now in rune, in praiſe of the Vnion) And theſe are fairely written and engroſſed in Vellum, Parchement, or Royall paper, richly adorned with

with compartiments, and ſet out with letters, both in gold and in various coulleurs.

This labour being taken, the Paſſer of the Petion hearkens where ſuch a Gobleman, ſuch a Lord, or ſuch a Knight lyes, that is liberall: having found one to his liking, The Petion (with his Patrons name fairely terted out,' in manner of a Dedication,) is preſented before him: he receiues it, and thinking it to be a worke onely vndertaken for his ſake, is bounteous to the giuer, eſteeming him a Scholler, and knowing that not without great trauaile, hee hath drawne ſo many little ſtragling ſtreames into ſo faire and ſmoothe a Riuer: whereas the Worke is the labour of ſome other (copied out by ſtealth) he an impudent ignorant fellow, that runnes vp and downe with the Tranſcripts, and euery Ale-houſe may haue one of them (hanging in the baſeſt drinking roome) if they will bee but at the charges of writing it out. Thus the liberallitie of a Gobleman, or of a Gentleman is abuſed: thus learning is brought into ſcorne and contempt: Thus men are cheated of their bountie, giuing much for that (out of their free mindes) which is common abroad, and put away for baſe prices. Thus villanie ſome-times walkes alone, as if it were giuen to Melancholly, and ſome-times knaues tie themſelues in a knot, becauſe they may be more merry, as by a mad ſort of Comrades whome I ſee leaping into the Saddle, anon it will apeare.

Rancke Riders,

The manner of Cozening Inn-keepers. Poſt-maiſters and Hackny men.

Chap. 7.

THere is a troope of Horſemen, that runne vp and downe the whole kingdome, they are euer in a gallop, their buſineſſe is weighttie, their iourneies many,

their expences greate, their Innes euerie where, their lands no where: they haue onely a certaine Free-holde cald Tyborne (scituate neere London, and many a faire paire of Gallowes in other Countries besides,) vppon which they liue verie poorely till they dye, and dye for the moste part wickedly, because their liues are villanous and desperate. But what race so euer they runne, there they end it, there they set vp their rest, there is their last baste, whether soeuer their iourney lyes. And these horsemen haue no other names but ranck Riders.

To furnish whome foorth for any iourney, they must haue Riding sutes cut out of these foure peeces.

1 The Inne-keeper or Hackney-man, of whome they haue horses, is cald A Colt.

2 He that neuer alights off a rich Farmer or country Gentleman, till he haue drawne money from him, is called The Snaffle.

3 The money so gotten, is The Ring

4 He that feedes them with mony is called The prouander.

These Ranck-riders (like Butchers to Rumford market) seldome goe vnder fiue or seauen in a company, and these Careeres they fetch. Their purses being warmly lined with some purchase gotten before, and they themselues well booted and spur'd, and in reasonable good outsides, arriue at the fairest Inne they can choose, either in Westminster, the Strand, the Cittie, or the Suburbes. Two of them who haue cloathes of purpose to sitte the play, carrying the shew of Gentlemen: the other act their partes in blew coates, as they were their Seruingmen, though indeede they be all fellowes. They enter all durted or dusted (according as it shall please the high way to vse them) and the first bridle they put into the Colts mouth (thats to say the Innkeepers) is at their comming in to aske aloude if the footeman begone backe with the horses: tis answered yes, Heere, the Ranck-riders lye three or foure daies, spending moderately enough, yet abating

The manner of Bridling a colt.

abating not a penny of any reckoning to shew of what house they come: to spare their counterfeit followers learne what country-man the maister of the house is, where the Hostlers and Chamberlaines were borne, and what other countrie Gentlemen are guests to the Inne: which lessons being presently gotten by heart, they fall in studdy with the Generall rules of their knauerie: and those are, first to giue out that their Maister is a Gentleman of such and such meanes, in such a shire (which shall be sure to stand farre enough from those places where any of the house, or of other guests were borne,) that hee is come to receiue so many hundred poundes vpon land which he hath solde, and that hee meanes to Inne there some quarter of a yeare at least.

This Bezalle money passing for current through the house, he is more obserued and better attended, is worshipped at euerie word: and the easier to breake and bridle the Colt, his Worship will not sit downe to Dinner or supper, till the Maister of the house be placed at the vpper end of the boord by him.

In the middle of Supper, or else verie early in the following morning, comes in a counterfeit footeman, sweatingly, deliuering a message that such a Knight hath sent for the head-Maister of these Rancke-ryders, and that hee must bee with him by such an houre, the towne being not aboue twelue or foureteene miles. Vpon deliuerie of this message, (from so deere and noble a friend) he sweares and chafes, because all his horses are out of Towne, curseth the sending of them backe, offers any money to haue himselfe, his cozen with him, and his mē but reasonably horst. Mine host being a credulous Asse, suffers them all to get vppe vpon him, for hee prouides them horses either of his owne (thinking his Guest to be a man of great accompts, and being loath to loose him, because hee spends well) or else sendes out to hire them of his neighbours, passing his word for their forth-

comming with in a day or two, Up they get and away Gallop on t Ranck-riders. as far as the poore Jades can carry them.

The two daies being ambled out of the worlde, and perhaps three more after them, yet neither a supply of Horse-men or Foote-men, (as was promised) to be set eye vpon. The lamentable In-keeper (or Hackney man, if he chance to be Sadled for this iourney too) loses their Colts teeth, and finde that they are made olde arrant Jades: Search, then runnes vp and downe like a Constable halfe out of his wittes (vpon a Shrone-tuesday) and hue and cry followes after, some twelue or foureteene miles off, (round about London) which was the farthest of their iourney as they gaue out. But (alas!) the horses are at pasture foure score or a hundred miles from their olde mangers: they were sould at some blinde drunken theevish faire, (there beeing enow of them in company to saue themselues, by their Toll-booke,) the Seruing-men cast off their blew coates, and cried All fellowes: the money is spent vpon wine, vpon whores, vpon fidlers, vpō suites (by whom they will loose nothing) and the tyde beeing at an ebbe, they are as ready to practise their skill in horse-manship to bring Coltes to the saddle in that Towne, and to make Nags run a race of three-score or a hundred miles off from that place, as before they did from London.

Running at the Ring.

Thus, so long as Horsefleshe can make them fat, they neuer leaue feeding. But when they haue beaten so many high-waies in seuerall countries, that they feare to be ouer-taken by Tracers, then (like Soldiers comming from a Breach) they march faire & softly on foot, lying in garrison as it were, close in some out townes, til the foule Rumor of their Villanies (like a flawy durty winter) be blowne ouer: In which time of lurking in ỳ shel, they are not idle neither, but like snailes they venture abroad tho

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the law hath threatned to rain down neuer so much punishment vpon them: and what do they? they are not borne, to liue by their owne painfull labors, but Drones that must eat vp the sweetnesse, and be feddo with the earnings of others: This therefore is their worke. They carelesly inquire what gentleman of worth, or what rich Farmers dwell within fiue, six or seauen miles of the Fort where they are incamp'd (which they may do without suspition) and hauing gotte their names, they single out themselues in a morning, and each man takes a seuerall path to himselfe: one goes East, one West, one North, and the other South: walking either in bootes with wandes in their handes, or otherwise, for it is all to one purpose. And note this by the way, that when they trauell thus on foot, they are no more call'd Ranck-riders but Scrowlers, a proper name giuen to Country plaiers, that (without Socks) troote from towne to towne vpon the hard hoofe.

Being arriu'd at the Gate where the Gentleman or Farmer dwelleth, he boldly knocks, inquiring for him by name, and stepps in to speake with him: the seruant seeing a fashionable person, tells his Maister there is a Gentleman desires to speake with him: the maister comes and salutes him, but eying him well, saies he does not know him: No Sir, replies the other (with a face bolde ynough) it may be so, but I pray you Sir, will you walke a turne or two in your Orchard or Garden, I would there conferre: Hauing got him thether, to this tune he plaies vpon him.

How the shuffle is put on

SIr, I am a Gentleman, borne to better meanes then my present fortunes doe allow me: I serued in the field, and had command there. But long peace (you knowe Sir) is the Cancker that eates vp Souldiers, and so it hath me. I lie here not far off, in the Country at mine Inne, where hauing vpon the dispatch

dispatch of some business, I am indebted to the house in moneys, so that I cannot with the credit of a Gentleman leaue the house till I haue paide them. Make mee sir so much beholden to your loue as to lend me foure or fiftie shilings to beare my horse and my selfe to London, from whence within a day or two, I shall send you many thanks with a faithful repayment of your curtesie.

The honest Gentleman, or the good natur'd Farmer beholding a personable man, fashionably attir'd, and not carrying in outward colliors, the face of a cogging knaue giues credit to his words, are sorry that they are not at this present time so well furnished as they could wish, but if a matter of twenty shillings can stead him, he shall commaund it, because it were pitie any honest Gentleman should for so small a matter mistarry. Happilye they meete with some Chap-men that giue them their owne asking; but howsoeuer, all is fish that comes to net, they are the most conscionable market folkes that euer rode betweene two paniers, for from fortie they will fall to twentie, from twenty to ten, from ten to fiue: nay these mountibanckes are so base, that they are not asham'd to take two shillings of a plaine husbandman, and sometimes fiue pence (which the other giues simply and honestly) of whome they demaunded a whole fifteene.

In this manner doe they digge siluer out of mens purses, all the day, and at night meet together at the appointed Rendeuous, where all these Snaffles are looked to their full length, the Ringes which that day they haue made are worne. The Prouender is praised or dispraised, as they finde it in goodnesse, but it goes downe all, whilst they laugh at all.

And thus does a Common-wealth bring vp children, that care not how they discredit her, or vndoe her: who would imagine that Birdes so faire in shewe, and so sweete in voice, should be so dangerous in condition? but Rauens thinke carryon the daintiest meate, and villaines

lains eſteeme moſt of that mony which is purchaſt by baſeneſs.

The Vnder Shrifte for the county of the Cacodemõs, knowing into what arrerages theſe Rank-riders were runne for horſe-fleſh to his maiſter, (of whome he farmed the office) ſent out his writs to attach them, and ſo narrowly purſued thẽ, that for all they were wel horſt, ſome he ſent poſt to the gallowes, and the reſt to ſeuerall iayles: After which, making all the haſt he poſſibly could to get to London againe, he was way-layd by an army of a ſtrange & new found people.

Moone men.

A diſcouery of a ſtrange wild people, very dangerous to townes and country villages.

CHAP. VIII.

A Moone-man ſignifies in Engliſh, a mad-man, becauſe the Moone hath greateſt domination (aboue any other Planet) ouer the bodies of Frantick perſons. But theſe Moone-men (whoſe Images are now to be carued) are neither abſolutely mad, not yet perfectely in their wits) Their name they borrow from the Moone, becauſe as the Moone is neuer in one ſhape two nights together, but wanders vp & downe Heauen, like an Anticke, ſo theſe changeable-ſtuffe-companions neuer tary one day in a place, but are the onely, and the onely baſe Romagats vpon earth. And as in the Moone there is a man, that neuer ſtirres without a buſh of thornes at his backe, ſo theſe Moone-men lie vnder buſhes, & are indeed no better then Hedge creepers.

They are a people more ſcattred then Iewes, and more hated: beggerly in apparell, barbarous in condition, beaſtly in behauior: and bloudy if they meete aduãtage. A man that ſees them would ſweare they had all the yellow Iawndis, or that they were Tawny Moores baſtardes, for no Red-oaker man caries a face of a more ſilthy What a moone man is.

filthy complexion, yet are they not borne so, neither has the Sunne burnt them so, but they are painted so, yet they are not good painters neither: for they do not make faces, but marre faces. By a by-name they are called Gipsies, they call themselues Egiptians, others in mockery call them Moone-men.

If they be Egiptians, sure I am they neuer discended from the tribes of any of those people that came out of the Land of Egypt: Ptolomy (King of the Egiptians) I warrant neuer called them his Subiects: no nor Pharao before him. Looke what difference there is betweene a ciuell cittizen of Dublin & a wilde Irish Kerne, so much difference there is betweene one of these counterfeit Egiptians and a true English Begger. An English Roague is iust of the same liuery.

His order in marching on foote or ieruing open horse.

They are commonly an army about foure-score cong, yet they neuer march with all their bagges and baggages together, but (like boot-halers) they forrage vp and downe countries, 4. 5. or 6. in a company. As the swizer has his wench and his Socke with him whē he goes to the warres, so these vagabonds haue their harlots with a number of litle children following at their heeles: which young brood of Beggers, are sometimes caried (like so many greene geese aliue to a market) in payres of panieres, or in dossers like fresh-fish from Rye ỳ comes on horsebacke, (if they be but infants.) But if they can strable once, then aswell the shee-roagues as the hee-roagues are horst, seauen or eight vpon one iade, strongly pineond, and strangely tyed together.

One Shire alone & no more is sure stil at one time, to haue these Egiptian lice swarming within it, for like flockes of wild-geese, they will euermore fly one after another: let them be scattred worse then the quarters of a traitor are after hee's hang'd drawne and quartred, yet they haue a tricke (like water cut with a swoord) to come together instantly and easily againe: and this is their pollicy, which way soeuer their foremost rancks lead, they

they sticke vp small boughes in seuerall places, to euery village where they passe, which serue as ensignes to waft on the rest.

Their apparell is od, and phantasticke, tho it be neuer so full of rents: the men weare scarfes of Callico, or any other base stuffe, hanging their bodies like Morris-dancers, with bels, & other toyes, to intice the coûtrey people to flocke about them, and to wounder at their fooleries or rather rancke knaueryes. The women as ridiculously attire themselues, and (like one that plaies, the Rogue on a Stage) weare rags, and patched filthy mantles vpermost, when the vnder garments are handsome and in fashion. His Furniture

The battailes these Out-lawes make, are many and very bloudy. Whosoeuer falles into their hands neuer escapes aliue, & so cruell they are in these murders, that nothing can satisfie thē but the very heart-bloud of those whom they kill. And who are they (thinke you) that thus go to the pot: Alasse! Innocent Lambs, Sheep, Calues, Pigges, &c. Poultrie-ware are more churlishly handled by them, thē poore prisoners are by kepers in the counter it'ſ Poultry. A goose comming amongst them learnes to be wise, that hee neuer will be Goose any more. The bloudy tragedies of al these, are only acted by ẏ Women, who carrying long knives or Skeanes vnder their mantles, do thus play their parts: The Stage is some large Heath: or a Fierce bush Common, far from any houses: Vpō which casting themselues into a Ring, they inclose the Murdered, till the Massacre be finished. If any passenger come by, and wondring to see such a cōiuring circle kept by Hel-houndes, demaund what spirits they raise there: one of the Murderers steps to him, poysons him wō sweete woordes and shifts him off, with this lye, ẏ one of the womē is falne in labour. But if any mad Hāler hearing this, smell villanie, & rush in by violence to see what the lawry Diuels are doing: thō they excuse the fact, lay the blame on those that are the Actors, & perhaps (if they His manner of night.

see no remedie) deliuer them to an officer, to be had to punishment: But by the way a rescue is surely laid and very valiantly (tho very villanously) do they fetch them off, & guard them.

The Cabbines where these Land-pyrates lodge in the night, are the Out-barnes of Farmers & Husbandmen, (in some poore Village or other) who dare not deny them, for feare they should ere morning haue their thatched houses burning about their eares: in these Barnes, are both their Cooke-roomes, their Supping Parlors, and their Bed-chambers: for there they dresse after a beastly manner: what soeuer they purchase after a theeuish fashion: sometimes they eate Venison, & haue Grey houndes that kill it for thē, but if they had not, they are Hounders themselues & are damnable Hunters after flesh: Which appeares by their vgly-fac'd queanes that follow them: with whom in these barnes they lie, as Swine do together in Hogsties.

His qualities with his lies intrenched.

These Barnes are the beds of Incests, Whoredomes Adulteries, & of all other blacke and deadly-damned Impieties: here growes the Cursed Tree of Bastardie, that is so fruitfull: here are writtē the Bookes of al Blasphemies, Swearings & Curses, ỹ are so dreadfull to be read. Yet the simple countrey-people will come running out of their houses to gaze vpō them, whilst in the meane time one steales into the next Roome, and brings away whatsoeuer hee can lay hold on. Vpon daies of pastime & libertie, they spred themselues in smal companies amōgst the Villages: and when young maids & batchelers (yea sometimes old doting fooles, that should be beatē to this world of villanies, & forewarn others) do flock about thē, they then professe skil in Palmestry, & (forsooth) can tel fortunes: which for the most part are infallibly true, by reason that they worke vppon rules, which are grouded vpon certainty: for one of them will tel you that you shal shortly haue some euill luck fal vpon you, & within halfe an houre after you shal find your pocket pick'd, or your purse

What peeces of desperate seruice hee ventures vpō

purſe cut. Theſe are thoſe Egiptian Graſhoppers that eate vp the fruites of the Earth, and deſtroy the pooze corne fieldes: to ſweepe whole ſwarmes out of this kingdome, there are no other meanes but the ſharpnes of the moſt infamous & baſeſt kinds of puniſhment. For if the vgly body of this Monſter be ſuffred to grow & fatten it ſelfe with miſchiefs and diſorder, it will haue a neck ſo ſine wy & ſo brawny, that the arme of ẏ law will haue much ado to ſtrike of ẏ Head, ſithence euery day the mẽbers of it increaſe & it gathers new ioints & new forces by Priggers, Anglers, Cheators, Morts, Yeomens Daughters (that haue taken ſome by blowes, & to auoid ſhame, fall into their Sinnes: and other Seruants both men & maides that haue beene pilferers, with al the reſt of that Damned Regiment, marching together in ẏ firſt Army of the Bell-man, who running away from theyr own Coulours (wch are bad ynough) ſerue vnder theſe, being the worſt. Lucifers Lanſpriz ido that ſtood aloof to behold the muſtrings of theſe Hell-houns took delight to ſee them Double their Fyles ſo nimbly, but held it no pollicy to come neere thẽ (for the Diuell him ſelfe durſt ſcarce haue done that.) Away therefore hee gallops, knowing that at one time or other they would all come to fetch their pay in Hell.

The infection

Of the Suburbs.

Chap. IX.

THe Infernall Promoter beeing wearied wth riding vp & downe the Country, was glad when he had gotten the Citty ouer his head, but the Citty being not able to hold him within the freedome, becauſe he was a Foreiner, the gates were ſette wide open for him to paſſe through, & into the Suburbes hee went. And what ſaw hee there? More Ale-houſes than there are Tauernes in all Spayne & France Are they ſo dry in the Suburbs? Yes, pockily dry. What ſaw he beſides?

Noctes atque die patet Ianua Ditis.

Hée saw the dores of notorious Carted Bawdes, (like Hell-gates) stand night and day wide open, with a paire of Harlots in Taffata gownes (like two painted posts) garnishing out those dores, beeing better to the house then a Double signe: when the dore of a poore Artificer (if his child had died but wt one Tokē of death about him) was close ram'd vp and Guarded for feare others should haue beene infected: Yet the plague that a Whore-house layes vpō a Citty is worse, yet is laughed at: if not laughed at, yet not look'd into, or if look'd into, Wincked at.

The Tradesman hauing his house lockd vp, looseth his customers, is put from worke and vndone: whilst in the meane time the strumpet is set on worke and maintain'd (perhaps) by those that vndoe the other: giue thankes O wide mouth'd Hell! laugh Lucifer at this Dance for ioy all you Diuells.

Belzebub kéepes the Register booke, of al ẏ Bawdes, Panders & Curtizans: & hee knowes, that these Suburb sinners haue no landes to liue vpon but their legges: euery prentice passing by them, can say, There sits a whore: Without putting them to their booke, they will sweare so much themselues: if so, are not Counstables, Churchwardens, Bayliffes, Beadels & other Officers, Pillars and Pillowes to all the villanies, that are by these committed? Are they not parcell-Bawdes to winck at such damned abuses, considering they haue whippes in their owne handes, and may draw bloud if they please? Is not the Land-lord of such rentes the Graund-Bawde? & the Dore Kéeping mistresse of such a house of sinne, but his Under-Bawde? sithence hee takes twenty pounds rēt euery yeare, for a vaulting schoole (which frō no Artificer liuing by the hardnesse of the hand could bee worth fiue pound.) And that twenty pound rent, hée knowes must bée prest out of petticoates:) his money smells of sin: the very siluer lookes pale, because it was earned by lust.

How happy therefore were Citties if they had no Suburbes, sithence they serue but as caues, where monsters

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are bred vp to deuowre the Citties them-ſelues? Would the Diuell hire a villaine to ſpil bloud? there he ſhall finde him. One to blaſpheme? there he hath choice. A Pandar that would court a matron at her praiers? hées there. A cheator that would turne his owne father a begging? Hées there too: A harlot that would murder her newborne Infant? Shé lies in there.

What a wretched woumbe hath a ſtrumpet, which being (for the moſt part) barren of Children, is notwithſtãding the onely Bedde that breedes vp theſe ſerpents? vpõ that one ſtalke grow all theſe miſchiefes. Shee is the Cockatrice that hatcheth all theſe egges of euills. When the Diuell takes the Anatomy of all dãnable ſinnes, he lokes onely vpon her body. Whẽ ſhe dies, he ſits as her Coroner. When her ſoule comes to hell, all ſhunne that there, as they flie from a body ſtruck with the plague here. She hath her doze-kéeper, and ſhe herſelfe is the Diuells chãber-maide. And yet for all this, that ſhé's ſo dangerous and deteſtable, when ſhe hath croak'd like a Rauẽ on the Eues, then comes ſhe into the houſe like a Doue. When her villanies (like the mote about a caſtle) are rancke, thicke, and muddy, with ſtanding long together, then (to purge herſelf) is ſhe driuen out of the Suburbes (as though her corruption were there left behind her (and) as a cleere ſtreame) is let into the Citty.

What armor a harlot weares comming out of the Suburbes to beſiege the Citty within the wals.

VPon what perch then does ſhe ſit? what part plaies ſhe then? onely the Puritane. If before ſhe ruffled in ſilkes, now is ſhe more ciuilly attird then a Mid-wife. If before ſhe ſwaggred in Tauernes, now with the Snaile ſhe ſtirreth not out of doores. And where muſt her lodging be take vp, but in the houſe of ſome cittizẽ, whoſe known reputation, ſhe borrowes (or rather ſteales) putting it on as a cloake to couer her deformities. Yet euẽ in that, hath ſhe an art too, for ſhe ſhalbe of ſuch a profeſſion, that all cõmers

mers may enter, without the dãger of any eyes to watch thẽ. As for example she will lie in some Scriueners house, & so vnder the colour of comming to haue a Bond made, she herselfe may write *None ins vniuersi.* And tho the law threaten to hit her neuer so often, yet hath she subtile defences to ward off the blowes. For, if Gallants haũt the house, then spreds she these collours: she is a captaine or a lieutenãts wife in the Low-coũtries, & they come with letters from the souldier her husband. If Marchants resort to her, then hoists she vp these sayles, she is wife to the Maister of a shippe, & they bring newes ỹ her husbãd put in at the Straytes, or at Venice, at Aleppo, Alexandria, or Scanderoon, &c. if shop keepers come to her, with what do you lack in their mouthes, thẽ she takes vp such & such commodities, to send them to Rye, to Bristow, to Yorke, &c where her husband dwells. But if the streame of her fortunes runne low, and that none but Apronmen lanch forth there, then keepes she a pollitick tempters, shop, or she starches them.

How a citty punck Rangeth.

Perhaps shee is so pollitick, that none shalbe noted to board her: if so, then she sailes vpõ these points of the cõpasse: so soone as euer she is rig'd, and all her furniture on, forth she lancheth into those streetes that are most frequẽted: where the first man that she meetes of her acquaintance, shal (without much pulling) get her into a Tauerne: out of him she kisses a breakefast & then leaues him: the next she meetes, does vpon as easie pullies, draw her to a Tauerne againe, out of him she cogs a dinner, & then leaues him: the third man, squires her to a play, wch being ended, & the wine offred & taken (for she's no Recusant, to refuse any thing) him she leaues too: and being set vpon by a fourth, him she answers at his own weapõ, sups with him, & drincks Vpsie Freeze, til the clok striking Twelue, and the Drawers being drowzy, away they march arme in arme, being at euery set-step fearful to be set vpõ by the Band of Halberdiers, that lie scowting in rug gownes to cut of such mid-night straglers. But the

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word being giuen, & who goes there, with come before the Constable, being shot at them, they baile presently & come, she taking vpon her to answer al the Bil-men and their Leader, Betweene whome & her, suppose you heare this sleepy Dialogue. Where haue you bin so late? at supper forsooth with my vncle here (if he be wel bearded) or with my brother (if the haire bee but budding forth) and he is bringing me home. Are you married? yes forsooth: whats your husband? such a Noble-mans man, or such a Iustices clarke, (And then names some Alderman of London, to whom she perswades herselfe, one or other of the bench of browns billes are beholding) where lye you? At such a mans house: Sic tenues euanescit in Auras: and thus by stopping the Constables mouth with sugar-plummes (thats to say,) whilst she poisons him with sweete words, the punck vanisheth. O Lanthorne and Candle-light, how art thou made a blinde Asse? because thou hast but one eye to see withall: We not so guld, bee not so dull in vnderstanding: do thou but follow aloofe, those two tame Pigeons, & thou shalt finde, that her new Vncle lies by it al that night, to make his kinse-woman on of mine Aunts: or if shee bee not in trauell all night, they spend some halfe an houre together, but what doe they? marry, they doe that, which the Constable should haue done for them both in the streetes thats to say commit, commit,

You Guardians ouer so great a Princesse as the eldest daughter of King Brutus: you twice twelue fathers and gouernours ouer the Noblest Cittie, why are you so careful to plant Trees to beautifie your outward walks, yet suffer the goodliest garden (within) to be ouer-run with stincking weedes? You are the proining knives that should loppe off such idle, such vnprofitable and such destroying branches from the Vine: The beames of your Authoritie should purge the ayre of such infection: your breath of Iustice should scatter those foggy vapors, and driue them out of your gates as chaffe tossed abroad by the windes.

But stay: is our walking spirit become an Orator to perswade? no: but the Bel man of London with whom he met in this perambulation of his: and to whom hee betraid himselfe & opened his very bosome, (As hereafter you shall heare,) is bould to take vpon him that speakers Office.

Of Ginglers.

Or the knauery of Horse-Coursers in Smith-field discouered.

CHAP. X.

AT the end of fierce battailes, the onely Rendeuouz for lame souldiers to retire vnto, is an Hospitall: and at the end of a long Progresse, the onely ground for a tyred Jade to runne in, is some blind country faire, where he may be sure to be sold. To these Markets of vnwholesome Horse-flesh, (like so many Kites to feede vpon Carion) doe all the Horse-coursers (that roost about the Citty) flie one after another. And whereas in buying all other commodities, men striue to haue the best, how great so euer the price be, onely the Horse-courser is of a baser minde, for the woorst horse-flesh (so it be cheape) does best goe downe with him. He cares for nothing but a fayre out-side, and a handsome shape (like those that hyre whores, (though there be a hundred diseases within: he (as the other) ventures vpon the all.

The first lesson therefore that a Horse-courser takes out, when he comes to one of these Markets, is to make choyce of such Nags, Geldings, or Mares, especially, as are fatte, fayre, and well-fauor'd to the eye: and because men delight to behold beautifull coulours, and that some coulours are more delicate (euen in beasts) then others are, he will so neere as he can, bargaine for those horses that haue the daintiest complexion: as the Milke-white, the Gray, the Dapple-Gray, the Cole blacke with his proper markes (as the white starre in the forehead, the white

white heele, &c.) or the bright Bay, with the like proper markes also. And the goodlier proportion ỹ beast carries or the fayrer markes or coulour that hee beares, are or ought to bee watch-words as it were to him that afterwards buyes him of the horse-courser, that he bee not cozend with an ouer-prize for a bad peny-worth, because such Horses (belonging for the most part to Gentlemen) are seldome or neuer solde away, but vpon some fowle quality, or some incurable disease, which the Beast is faine into. The Best coulours are therefore the best Cloakes to hide those faults that most disfigure a Horse: and next vnto coulour, his Pace doth often-times deceiue and goe beyond a very quick Iudgement.

Some of these Horse-hunters, are as nimble knaues in finding out the infirmities of a Iade, as a Barber is in drawing of teeth: and albeit (without casting his water) hee does more readily reckon vp all the Aches, Crampes, Crickes, and whatsoeuer disease else lyes in his bones: and for those diseases seemes vtterly to dislike him, yet if by looking vpon the Dyall within his mouth, he finde that his yeares haue struck but fiue, fiue, or seauen: and that he prooues but young, or that his diseases are but newly growing vpon him, if they be outward, or haue but hayre and skin to hide them, if they bee inward, let him sweare neuer so damnably, that it is but a Iade, yet he will be sure to fasten vpon him.

So then, a Horse-courser to the Merchant, (that out of his sound iudgement buyes the fairest, the best-bred, and the noblest Horses, selling them againe for breede or seruice, with plainnesse and honesty,) is as the Cheator to the faire Gamester: hee is indeed a meere Iadish Nonopolitane, and deales for none but tyred, taunted, dull and diseased horses. By which meanes, if his picture bee drawne to the life, you shall finde euery Horse-courser for the most part to bee in quality a coozener, by profession a knaue, by his running a Iacket, in fayres a Hagling Chapman, in the Citty a Cogging dissembler, The picture of a Horse-courser.

and in Smith-field a common forſworne Villaine. Hee will ſweare any thing, but the faſter hee ſweares, the more danger tis to beleeue him: In one forenoone, and in ſelling a Jade not worth fiue Nobles, will hee forſweare himſelfe fifteene times, and that forſwearing too ſhall bee by Equiuocation. As for example, if an ignorant Chapman comming to beate the price ſay to the Horſe-courſer your nagge is verie olde or thus many yeares olde, and reckon ten or twelue: hee claps his hand preſently on the buttocke of the beaſt, and prates he may bee damn'd if the Horſe be not vnder fiue, meaning that the horſe is not vnder fiue yeares of age, but that he ſtandes vnder fiue of his fingers, when his hand is clap'd vppon him. Theſe Horſe-courſers are called Iynglers, and theſe Iynglers hauing laide out their money on a company of Jades at ſome drunken ſayze, vp to London they driue them, and vppon the Market day into Smithfield brauely come they prauncing. But leaſt their Jades ſhould ſhew too many horſe-trickes in Smith-field, before ſo greate an Audience as commonly reſort thither, their maiſters doe therefore Schoole them at home after this manner.

How a Horſe-courſer workes vpon a Iade in his own Stable, to make him ſeruiceable for a couzening Race in Smith-field.

How a Horſe-courſer may coozen his chap-man vvith a horſe that hath the Glanders.

The Glanders in a horſe is ſo filthy a diſeaſe, that he who is troubled with it can neuer keep his noſe cleane: ſo that when ſuch a foule-noſed Jade happens to ſerue a Horſe-courſer, hee hath more ſtrange pils (then a Pothecarie makes) for the purging of his head, he knowes that a horſe with ſuch a qualitie, is but a beaſtly companion to trauell vppon the high way with anye Gentleman.

Albeit therefore that the Glanders haue played with his Noſe ſo long, that hee knowes not how to mend himſelfe,

selfe, but that the disease beeing suffered to runne vppon him many yeares together, is grown invincible, yet hath our Jingling Mountibanche Smith-field rider a tricke to cure him, fiue or sixe waies and this is one of them.

In the verie morning when he is to bee rifled away amongst the Gamsters in Smithfield, before hee thrust his head out of his Maisters Stable, the Horse-courser tickles his nose (not with a Pipe of Tobacco) but with a good quantitie of the best Neesing powder that can bee gotten: which with a quill being blown vp into the Nostrills, to make it worke the better, he stands poaking there vp and downe with two long feathers plucked from the wing of a Goose, they beeing dipt in the iuice of Garlick, or in any strong oyle, and thrust vp to the verie top of his head, so farre as possibly they can reach, to make the poore dumbe beast auoide the filth from his nostrils, which hee will doe in great abundance: this being done, he comes to him with a new medicine for a sicke horse, and mingling the iuyce of Brused Garlike, sharpe biting Mustard, and strong Ale together, into both the Nostrils (with a Horne) is powred a good quantitie of this filthy Broth, which by the hand being held in by stopping the nostrils close together, at length with a little neezing more, his nose will be cleaner then his Maisters the Horse-courser, and the filth bee so Artificially stop'd that for eight or ten houres a Jade will holde vp his head with the prowdest Gelding that gallops scornefully by him, and neuer haue need of wiping.

This is one of the Comedies a Common horse-courser playes by himselfe at home, but if when hee comes to act the second part abroad, you would disgrace him, and haue him hiss'd at for not playing the Knaue well, then handle him thus: If you suspect that the Nagge which he would Jade you with, bee troubled with that or any other such like disease, gripe him hard about the weasand pipe, close toward the rote of the tongue, and holding him

him there so long and so forcibly, that he cough twice or thrice, if then (after you let goe your holde) his chappes begin to walke as if he were chewing downe a Horse-loafe, shake hands with old Mounsier Cauiliero Horse-Courser, but clap no bargain vpon it, for his Jade is as full of infirmitie, as the maiſter is villanie.

Other Gambals that Horſe-courſers practiſe vpon Fowndred Horſes, old Iades, &c.

Smithfield is the Stage vpon which the Mountibank Engliſh Horſe-courſer aduãcing his banner, defies any diſeaſe that dares touch his Prancer: Inſomuch that if a horſe be ſo olde, as that foure legs can but carry him, yet ſhall he beare the markes of an Hag not aboue fiue or ſeauen yeares of age: & that counterfeit badge of youth, he weares thus: The Horſe-courſer with a ſmal round prõ made very hot, burnes two black holes in the top of the two out-moſt treth of each ſide the out-ſide of the horſes mouth vpon the nether teeth, & ſo likewiſe of the teeth of the vpper chap, which ſtand oppoſite to ỹ nether, the qualitie of which marks is to ſhew that a horſe is but yong: but if the iade be ſo old that thoſe teeth are dropt out of his head, thẽ is there a tricke ſtill to be fumbling about his olde chaps, & in that ſtroaking his chin, to pricke his lips cloſely with a pin or a naile, till they be ſo tender, that albeit he were a giuen horſe none could bee ſuffered to looke him in the mouth (which is one of the beſt Calenders to tell his age) but a reaſonable ſighted eie (without helpe of ſpectacles) may eaſily diſcouer this Jugling, becauſe it is groſſe and common.

If now a Horſe (hauing beene a ſore Trauailer) happẽ by falling into a colde ſweate to bee Foundred, ſo that (as if hee were drunck or had the ſtaggers) hee can ſcarce ſtand on his legges, then will his maiſter, before hee enter into the liſts of the field againſt all commers, put him into a villanous chafing by ryding him vp and

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downe a quarter or halfe an houre, till his limbes bee thoroughly heated, and this hee does, because so long as hee can discharge that false fire, or that (beingso collerickly hotte) hee tramples onely vppon soft ground; a very cúning Horsemã shal hardly find where his shoo wrings him, or that hee is Foundred. And (to blinde the eyes of the Chapman) the Horse-courser will bee euer tickling of him with his wand, because hee may not by standing still like an Asse, shew of what house hee comes.

If a Horse came into the fielde (like a lame soldier) Halting, hee has not Crutches made for him, as the soldier hath, but because you shall thinke the Horses shoomaker hath seru'd him like a Jade, by not fitting his foote well, the shooe shall bee takē off purposely from that foote which halts, as though it had beene lost by chance: And to proue this, witnesses shall come in, if at least twenty or thirty damnable oathes can be takē, that the want of the Shooe is onely the cause of his Halting. But if a Horse cannot be lustie at legges: by reason that either his hooses bee not good, or that there be Splents, or any other Eye-sore about the nether Joynt, the Horse-courser vses him then as Cheating Swaggerers handle Novices: what they cannot winne by the Dyce, they will haue by Foule play: so in that foule manner, deales hee with the poore horse, ryding him vp and downe in the thickest & the durtiest places, till that durt, like a ruffled boote drawne vppon an ill-fauour'd gowtie legge, couer the Jades infirmitie from the eyes of the Buyer.

How a Horse-courser makes a lade that has no stomach, to eate Lamb-pye.

Albeit Lamb-pie be good meat vpō a table, yet it is so offensiue to a horses stomach, y he had rather be fed a moneth together with mustie oates, thā to taste it: Yet are not all Horses bidde to his Lamb-pye-Breakefasts

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but onely ſuch as are dyeted with no other meate: and thoſe are Dull, Blockiſh, Sullen, and heauie footed Jades. Whenſoeuer therefore a Horſe-courſer hath ſuch a Dead commoditie, as a Lumpiſh ſlow lade, that goes more heauily then a Cow when ſhee trots, and that neither by a ſharpe bitte nor a tickling ſpurre he can put him out of his lazie and dogged pace, what does hee with him then? Ouelye he giues him Lambpie. That is to ſay, euery morning when the Horſe-courſer comes into the ſtable, he takes vp a tough round cudgell, and neuer leaues fencing with his Quarter ſtaffe at the poore Horſes ſides and buttocks, till with blowes hee hath made them ſo tender, that the verry ſhaking of a bough will be able to make the horſe ready to runne out of his wittes. And to keep the horſe ſtill in this mad mood, becauſe he ſhall not forget his leſſon, his maiſter will neuer come neere him, but he will haue a fling at him: If he doe touch him, hee ſtrikes him: if he ſpeakes to him, there is but a worde and a blow: if he doe but looke vpon him, the Horſe flings and takes on, as though he would breake through the walles, or had beene a Horſe bredde vp in Bedlam amongſt mad-folkes. Hauing thus gotten this hard leſſon by heart, forth comes he into Smithfield to repeat it, where the Rider ſhall no ſooner leap into the ſaddle but the Horſe-courſer giuing the Jade (that is halfe ſcarred out of his wits already) three or foure good bangs, away flies Bucephalus as if yong Alexander iuet vpon his backe. No ground can holde him, no bridle raine him in, he gallops away as if the Deuill had hired him of ſome Hackney-man, and ſcuds through thicke and thinne, as if crackers had hung at his heeles. If his taile play the wag, and happen to whiſke vp and downe (which is a ſigne that he does his feates of Actiuitie like a Tumblers prentice by compulſion and without taking pleaſure in them (then ſhall you ſee the Horſe-courſer late about him like a thraſher, till with blowes he made him carry his taile to his Buttocks: which

which in a Horſe (contrary to the nature of a Dog) is an argument that he hath mettall in him and ſpirrit, as in the other it is the note of cowardiſe.

Theſe and ſuch other baſe iuglings are put in practiſe, by the Horſe-courſers in this maner comes he arm'd into the field: with ſuch bad and deceiptfull cõmodities does he furniſh the markets. Neither keps he vpon the diuels kage alone, but others are likewiſe Actors in the ſelfeſame Scene, and ſharers with him: for no ſooner ſhall money be offred for a Horſe, but preſently one Snake thruſts out his head and ſtings the buyer with falſe praiſes of the Horſes goodneſſe: An other throwes out his poiſoned hooke and whiſpers in the Chapmans eare, that vpon his knowledge ſo much or ſo much hath bene offred by foure or fiue, and would not be taken: and of theſe Ravens there be ſundry neſts, but all of them as blacke in ſoule as the Horſe-courſer (with whome they are yoaked) is in conſcience. This Regiment of Horſe-men is therefore deuided into foure Squadrons, viz.

1 When Horſe-courſers tranaile to country faires, they are called Iynglers.

2 When they haue the leading of the Horſe e ſerue in Smithfield, they are Drouers.

3 They that ſtand vp and conycatche the Chapman either with Out-bidding, falſe-praiſes, &c. are called Goades.

4 The boyes, ſtriplings, &c. that haue the ryding of the Jades vp and downe are called Skip-iacks.

Iacke in a Box.

Or a new kinde of Cheating, teaching how to change golde into Siluer, vnto which is added a Map, by which a man may learn how to trauell all ouer England and haue his charges borne.

Chap. II.

Terra malos homines nunc educat.

HOw many Trees of Euill are growing in this countrie? how tall they are? how Yellow is their fruit? and how greedily gathered? so much ground doe they take vp, and so thickly doe they stand together, that it seemeth a kingdom can bring forth no more of their nature, yes, yes, there are not halfe so many Riuers in Hell, in which a soule may saile to damnation, as there are Black Streames of Mischiefe and Villany (besides all those which in our Now-two Voyages, we haue ventured so many leagues vp, for discouerie) in which thousandes of people are continually swimming, and euerie minute in danger vtterly to be cast away.

Noxia mille modis Lacerabitur Umbra.

Abuses of race-running glanced at.

The Horse-Courser of hell, after he had durtyed himselfe with ryding vp and downe Smithfield and hauing his beast vnder him, gallopped away amaine to beholde a race of fiue myles by a couple of Running-Horses, vpon whose swiftnesse great summes of money were laide in wagers. In which Schoole of Horse-manshippe (wherein for the moste part none but Gallants are the Students) hee construed but strange Lectures of Abuses: he could make large Comments vppon those that are the Runners of those Races, and could teach others how to loose fortie or fiftie pound politickly in the forenoone, and in the after noone (with the selfe-same Gelding) to winne a thousand markes in fiue or sixe miles riding. Hee could tell how Gentlemen are fetch'd in and made younger brothers, and how your new Knight comes to be a Couzen of this Race. He could drawe the true pictures of some fellowes, that dyet these Running-

Horses,

Horses, who for a bribe of fortie or fiftie shillings can by a false Dye make their owne Maisters loose a hundred pound a race. He could shew more craftie Foxes in this wilde-goose chase thē there are white Foxes in Russia, & more strange Horse-trickes plaide by such Riders, then Bankes his curtall did euer practise (whose Gamballs of the two, were the honester.

But because this sort of Birdes haue many feathers to loose, before they can feele any colde, he suffers them to make their owne slight, knowing that prodigalls doe but iest at the stripes which other mens rods giue them, and neuer complaine of smarting till they are whip'd with their owne.

In euerie Corner did he finde Serpents ingendering: vnder euerie roofe, some impyetie or other lay breeding: but at last perceiuing that the most part of men were by the sorcerie of their own diuelish conditions transformed into Wolues, and being so changed, were more brutish & bloody, then those that were Wolues by nature: his spleene leap'd against his ribbes with laughter, and in the height of that ioy resolued to write the villanies of the world in Folio, and to dedicate them in priuate to his Lord and Maister, because hee knew him to bee an open-handed patron, albeit he was no great louer of schollers.

Vix sunt homines hoc nomine dignis, quāq; lupi leua plus feritatis habēt

But hauing begunne one picture of a certaine strange Beast, (called Iacke in a Boxe) that onely (because the Cittie had giuen money already to see it) hee finished: and in these colours was Iack in a Boxe drawn. It hath the head of a man (the face well bearded) the eyes of a Hawke, the tongue of a Lap-wing, which saies heere it is, when the nest is a good way off: it hath the stomacke of an Estrich, and can disgest siluer as easily, as that Bird dooth Yron. It hath the pawes of a Beare instead of handes, for whatsoeuer it fastneth vppon, it holdes: From the middle downe-wardes, it is made like a Grey-hound, and is so swift of foote, that if it once get the Start of you, a whole Kennel of Hounds

Iacke in a Box described.

 cannot

cannot ouertake it. It loues to hunt dry-foote, and can Scent a Traine in no ground so well as the Cittie, and yet not in all places of the Cittie. But he is best in Scenting betweene Ludgate and Temple-barre: and tis thought that his nert hunting shall bee betweene Lumbard-streete and the Gold smithes Rowe in Cheapeside: Thus much for his out ward parts, now you shall haue him vnrip'd, and see his inward.

His exercise

This Iacke in a Boxe, or this Deuill in mans shape, wearing (like a player on a Stage) good cloathes on his backe, comes to a Golde-smithes Stall, to a Drapers, a Haberdashers, or into any other shop where he knows good store of siluer faces are to be seene. And there drawing forth a faire new box, hammered all out of Siluer Plate, hee opens it, and powres forth twentie or forty Twentie-shilling-peeces in New-golde. To which heape of Worldly-Temptation, thus much hee addes in words, that either he himselfe, or such a Gentleman (to whom he belongs) hath an occasion for foure or fiue dates to vse forty pound But because he is verie shortly, (nay he knowes not how suddenly) to trauaile to Venice, to Ierusalem or so, and would not willingly be disfurnished of Golde, he doth therefore request the Cittizen to lend (vpon those Forty twenty shilling peeces) so much in white money (but for foure, fiue or sixe dates at most) and for his good-will he shall receiue any reasonable satisfaction. The Cittizen (knowing the pawne to be better then a Bond) powres downe forty pound in siluer, the other drawes it, and leauing so much golde in Hostage, marcheth away with Bag and Baggage.

sisiens fugientia capsat Flumina: quid rides? mutato nomine, de Te Fabula narratur

Fiue dates being expired, Iacke in a box (according to his Bargaine) being a man of his word comes againe to the Shop or stall (at which hee angles for fresh Fish) and there casting out his line with the siluer hooke, thats to say, pouring out the forty pound which hee borrowed, The Cittizen sends in, or keeps himselfe for the Boxe with the Golden deuill in it: it is opened, and the army of angels

gels being muſtred together, they are all found to bee there. The Box is ſhut agen and ſet on the ſtall, whilſt the Cittizen is telling of his money: But whilſt this muſicke is ſounding, Iacke in a Boxe acts his part in a dumb ſhew thus; hee ſhifts out o his fingers another Boxe of the ſame mettall and making, that the former beares, which ſecond Boxe is filled onely with ſhillings e being poiſed in the hand, ſhall ſeeme to carry the weight of the former, and is clap'd down in place of the firſt. The Cittizen in the meane time (whilſt this Pit-fall is made for him) telling the fortie poundes, milleth thirtie or fortie ſhillinges in the whole ſumme, at which the Iacke in a Boxe ſtarting backe (as if it were a matter ſtrange vnto him) at laſt making a gathering within himſelfe) for his wits, hee remembers (he ſaies) that hee laid by ſo much money as is wanting (of the fortie poundes to diſpatch ſome buſineſſe or other, and forgot to put it into the Bag againe, notwithſtanding, hee intreates the Cittizen, to keepe his golde ſtill, hee will take the white money home to fetch the reſt, and make vp the Summe, his abſence ſhall not bee aboue an houre or two: before which time he ſhall bee ſure to heare of him, and with this the little Diuell vaniſheth, carrying that away with him, which in the end will ſend him to the Gallowes, (thats to ſay his owne golde,) and fortie pound beſides of the Shop-keepers, which hee borrowed, the other bee- ing glad to take forty ſhillings for the whole debt, and yet is ſoundly bor'd for his labour. *Multa petentibus deſunt multa.*

This Iacke in a boxe, is yet but a Chicken, and hath laide verie few Egges, if the Hang-man doe not ſpoyle it with treading, it will proone and excellent Penne of the Game. It is a knot of Cheators but newly tyed, they are not yet a company. They flie not like Wilde-Geeſe (in flockes) but like Kites (ſingle) as loath that any ſhould ſhare in their pray. They haue two or three names, (yet they are no Romaines, but errant Rogues) for ſome-times they call themſelues Iacke in a boxe,

but now that their infantrie growes strong, and that it is knowne abroad, that they carrie the Philosophers stone about them, and are able of fortie shillings to make fortie pound, they therefore vse a deade March, and the better to cloake their villanies, doe put on these Masking suites: viz.

1. This art or sleight of changing golde into siluer, is called Trimming.

2. They that practise it, terme themselues Sheepeshearers.

3 The Gold which they bring to the Cittizen, is cald Iasons Fleece.

4 The siluer which they pick vp by this wandring, is White-wooll.

5 They that are Cheated by Iacke in a Boxe, are called Bleaters.

Oh Fleete-streete, Fleete-streete! how hast thou bene trimd, washed, shauen and Polde by these deere and damnable Barbers? how often hast thou mette with these Sheep-shearers? how many warme flakes of woll haue they pulled from thy Backe? yet if thy Bleating can make the flockes that graze nere vnto thee and round about thee, to lift vp thy eyes, and to shunne such Wolues and Fores, when they are approaching, or to haue them worryed to death before they sucke the blood of others, thy misfortunes are the lesse, because thy neighbours by them shall be warned from danger.

Many of thy Gallants (O Fleete-streete) haue spent hundreds of poundes in thy presence, and yet neuer were so much as drunke for it: but for euerie fortye pound that thou layest out in this Indian commoditie (of gold) thou hast a Siluer Boxe bestowed vpon thee, to carry thy Tobacco in, because thou hast euer loued that costlye and Gentleman-like Smoak. Iacke in a Boxe hath thus plaide his part. There is yet another Actor to step vpon the stage, and he seemes to haue good skil in Cosmography for he holdes in his hand a Map, wherein hee hath layde

downe

downe a number of Shires in England, and with ſmall pricks hath beaten out a path, teaching how a man may eaſily (tho not verry honeſtly) travell from Country to Country, and haue his charges borne; and thus it is. How to travaile without charges.

He that vndertakes this ſtrange iourney, layes his firſt plotte how to be turned into a Braue man, which he findes can be done by none better then by a truſty Tailor: working therefore hard with him, till his ſuite be granted. Out of the Cittie, beeing mounted on a good gelding, he rides vpon his owne bare credit, not caring whether he trauell to meete the Sunne at his Riſing or at his going downe. He knowes his Kitchin ſmokes in euery Countie, and his table couered in euery Shire. For when he comes within a mile of the Towne, where hee meanes to catche Quailes, ſetting Spurres to his horſe, away he gallops, with his cloake off (for in theſe Beſeigings of Townes hee goes not armd with any (his Hatte thruſt into his Hoſe, as if it were loſt, and onely an emptie paire of Hangers by his ſide, to ſhew that hee has bene diſarmed. And you muſt note, that this Hot ſpurre does neuer ſet vppon any places but onely ſuch, where hee knowes (by intelligence) there are ſtore of Gentlemen, or wealthy Farmers at the leaſt. Amongſt whome when hee is come, hee tels with diſtracted lookes, and a voice almoſte breathleſſe, how many Villaines ſet vppon him, what golde & ſiluer they toke from him, what woods they are fled into, from what part of England he is come, to what place he is going, how farre he is from home, how farre from his iournies end, or from any Gentleman of his acquaintance, and ſo liuely perſonates the lying Greek (Synon) in telling a lamentable tale: that the mad Troianes (the Gentlemen of the towne, beleeuing him, & the rather becauſe he carries the ſhape of an honeſt man in ſhew, and of a Gentleman in his apparrell) are liberall of their purſes, lending him money to beare him on his iourney, to pay which he offers either his bill or bond (naming his lodging

ing in London) or gives his word (as hee's a Gentleman, which they rather take, knowing the like misfortune may be theirs at any time.

And thus with the feathers of other birdes, is this Monster stuck, making wings of sundry fashions, with which he thus basely flies ouer a whole kingdom. Thus doth he ride from Towne to Towne, from Citty to City as if he were a Lād-lord in euery shire, and that he were to gather Rents vp of none but Gentlemen.

There is a Twin-brother to this Falsegalloper, and hee cheats Inne-keepers onely, or their Tapsters, by learning first what Country-men they are, and of what kindred: and then bringing counterfeit letters of commendations from such an Vncle, or such a Cozen (wherein is requested, that the Bearer thereof may bee vsed kindely) hee lyes in the Inne till he haue fetcht ouer the Maister or Seruant for some mony (to draw whome to him he hath many hookes) and when they bang fast enough by the Gills, vnder water Our Sharke dines, and is neuer seene to swimme againe in that River.

Travelling Emperickes,

Vpon this Scaffold, also might be mounted a number of Quack-saluing Empericks, who arriuing in some Country towne, clappe vp their Terrible Billes, in the Market-place, and filling the Paper with such horrible names of diseases, as if euery disease were a Diuell, and that they could coniure them out of any Towne at their pleasure. Yet these Beggerly Mountibancks are meare Cozeners, and haue not so much skill as Horseleeches. The poore people not giuing money to them to be cured of any infirmities, but rather with their money buying worse infirmities of them:

strowling schoole-maister,

Vpon the same post, doe certain straggling Scribling Writers deserue to haue both their names and themselues hung vp, in steed of those fatte tables which they hang vp in Townes, as gay pictures to intice Scholliers to them: the Tables are written with sundry kindes of hands, but not one finger of those hands (not one letter there)

there) drops from the Penne of such a false wandring Scribe. He buyes other mens cunning good cheape in London, and sels it deere in the Country. These Swallowes bragge of no qualitie in them so much as of swiftnesse. In foure & twenty houres, they will worke foure and twenty wonders, and promise to teach those, that know no more what belongs to an A. then an Asse, to bee able (in that narrow compasse) to write as faire and as fast as a country Vicar, who commonly reads all the Townes Letters.

But wherefore doe these counterfeit Maisters of that Noble Science of Writing, keepe such a florishing with the borrowed weapons of other Mens Pennes? onely for this to gette halfe the Birdes (which they striue to catch) into their hands, thats to say, to bee payde halfe the money which is agreed vpon for the Scholler, and his nest being halfe fild with such Gold-finches, he neuer stayes till the rest be fledge, but suffers him that comes next, to beate the bush for the other halfe. At this Carrere the Ryder that set out last from Smith-field, stop'd: and alighting from Pacolet (the horse that carried him) his next iourney was made on foote.

The Bel-mans second Night-walke.

Chap. XII.

SIr Lancelot of the infernall Lake, or the Knight Errant of Hell, hauing thus (like a yong country gentleman) gone round about the Citty, to see the sights not onely within the walles but those also in the Subburbes, was glad when hee sawe night hauing put on the vizard that Hell lends her (cald darkenes to leap in to her Coach) because now he knew he should meete with other strange birdes

Induta nigris vestibus, currum insilit Nox

and beasts fluttring from their nests, and crawling out of their dennes. His prognostication held currant, and the foule-weather (which hee fore-told,) fell out accordingly. For Candle-light had scarce opend his eye (to looke at the Citty like a gunner shooting at a marke,) but fearefully (their feet trembling vnder thē) their eyes suspitiously rouling from euery nooke to nooke round about them, & their heads (as if they stood vppon oyled skrewes) still turning back behinde them, came creeping out of hollow-trees, where they lay hidden, a number of couzning Bankrupts in the shapes of Owles, who when the Marshall of light, the sunne, went vp and downe to search the Citty, durst not stir abroad, for feare of beeing houted at and followed by whole flockes of vndon creditors.

Noctis & erebi progenies sunt Dolus, Metus, Miseria, Fraus, Querela, &c. Cic. in Lib. 3 De Nat. Deorum.

But now when the stage of the world was hung in blacke, they ietted vppe & downe like proud Tragedians. O what thankes they gaue to Darknesse! what * songes they balladed out in praise of Night, for bestowing vpon them so excellent a cloake wherein they might so safely walke muffled! Now durst they, as if they had beene Constables, rappe alowd at the dores of those to whom they owed most money, & braue them with hie wordes, tho they payd them not a penny.

* *Nox Verenda, Verenda, &c.*

Now did they boldly step into some priuiledged Tauerne, and there drinke healthes, dance with Harlots, & pay both Drawers and Fidlers after mid-night with other mens money, & then march home againe fearelesse of the blowes that any showlder-clapper durst giuethē. Out of another Nest flew certaine Murderers and Theeues in the shapes of Skreech-owles, who, being set on by the Night, did beate with their bold and vēturous fatall wings at the very dores whereas, informer times, their villanies had entred.

Not farre frō These, came crawling out of their bushes a company of graue & wealthy Lechers in the shapes of Glowe-wormes, who with gold, Jyngling in their pockets,

pockets, made such a shew in the night, that the dores of Common Brothelryes flew open to receiue them, tho in the day time they durst not passe that way, for feare that noted Curtizans should challenge them of acquaintance, or that others should laugh at them to see white heads growing vpon greene stalkes.

sapiens in munera venit adultor, Prabuit ipsa sinus. Nec polisti metuunt Deos nec his respicere Deos opinor.

Then came forth certaine infamous earthy minded Creatures in the shapes of Snailes, who all the day time hyding their heads in their shells, least boies should wt two fingers point at them for liuing basely vpō the prostitutiō of their wines bodies, cared not now, before candle-light, to shoote out their largest & longest Hornes.

A number of other monsters, like These, were seene (as the sunne went downe) to venture from their dēnes, only to ingender with Darknesse: but candle-lights eyesight growing dimmer & dimmer, and hée at last falling starke blind, Lucifers Watch-man went strumbling vp and down in the darke.

How to weane Horses.

Euery dore on a sudden was shut, not a candle stood peeping through any window, not a Vintner was to be séene brewing in his Cellor, not a drunkerd to be met réeling, not a Mouse to be heard stiring: al ẏ Citty shewed like one Bed, for all in that Bed were soūdly cast into a sleepe. Noyse made no noise, for euery one that wrought with the hāmer was put to silence. Yet notwithstāding when euen the Diuel himselfe could haue béene contēted to take a nap, there were few Inkeepers about ẏ towne but had their spirits walking. To watch which spirits what they did, our Spy, that came lately out of ẏ Lower-countries, stole into one of their Circles, where lucking very closely, hée perceiued ẏ whē all the guests were profoundly sleeping, when Cariers were soundly snorting, & not so much as the Chamberlaine of the house but was layd vp, suddenly out of his bed started an Hostler. who hauing no apparell on but his shirt, a paire of slip-shooes

Mutat Quies habitat.

The knauery of Hostlars.

 on his

on his feete, and a Candle burning in his hand like olde Ieronimo step'd into the stable amongst a number of poore hungry Jades, as if that night he had beene to ride poast to ỳ Diuell. But his iorney not lying that way till some other time, he neither bridled nor sadled any of his fourefooted guests that stood there at racke and manger, but seeing them so late at supper, and knowing that to ouereate them-selues would fill them full of diseases, (they being subiect to aboue a hundred & thirty already) hee first (without a voyder) after a most vnmanerly fashion tooke away, not onely all the Prouander that was set before them, but also all the hay, at which before they were glad to lick their lippes. The poore Horses looked very vnlully vpon him for this, but hee rubbing their teeth onely with the end of a Candle (in steed of a Cozrall) told them, that for their Iadish trickes it was now time to weane them: And so wishing them not to bee angry if they lay vpon the hard boards, cõsidering all the beddes in the house were full, back againe hee stole to his Coach, till breake of day: yet fearing least the sunne should rise to discouer his knauery, vp hee started, & into the stable he stumbled, scarce halfe awake, giuing to euery Jade a bottle of hay for his breake-fast, but al of them being troubled wth the greazy tooth-ach, could eate none, which their maisters in the morning espying swore they were either sullen or els that prouender pricked them.

This Hostler for this peece of seruice was afterwards preferred to be one of the Groomes in Belzebubs stable.

Another Night-peece drawne in sundry collours.

SHall I shew you what other bottomes of mischiefe, Plotos Beadle saw wound vpon the blacke spindels of the Night, in this his priuy search? In some streetes he met Mid-wiues running, till they sweat, & following them close at heeles, he spied them to be let in, at the backe doores of houses, seated either in blind lanes, or in by-gardens:

dens: which houses had roomes builded for the purpose, where young Maides, being bigge with child by vnlawful Fathers, or young wives (in their husbands abscence at sea, or in the warres) hauing wrastled with batchilers or maried men, til they caught falls, lay safely til they wer deliuered of them. And for reasonable summes of mony, the bastards that at these windows crept into the world, were as closely now and then sent presently out of the *world, or els were so vnmannerly brought vp, that they neuer spake to their owne parents that begot them.

Matronaq; rara pudica est.

sæpè silent auro multa subesse malâ

**Pectora tantis obsessa malis,*

In some streetes he met seruants in whose brest albeit the arrowes of the plague stuck halfe way, yet by cruell maisters were they driuen out of dores at mid-night and conuaid to Garden-houses, where they either died before next morning, or else were carried thither dead in their coffins as tho they had lien sicke there before and there had dyed.

Non sunt ictu ferienda leui.

Quis prodere tanta relatu Funera.

Now and then at the corner of a turning hee spyed seruants purloyning fardels of their maisters goods, and deliuering them to the hands of common strumpets.

This dore opend, and Lust with Prodigality were heard to stand closely kissing: and (wringing one another by the hand) softly to whisper out foure of fiue good-nights, till they met abroad the next morning.

A thousand of these comedies were acted in dumb shew, and onely in the priuat houses: at which the Diuells messenger laught so loud that Hell heard him, and for ioy range foorth loude and lustie Plaudities. But beeing driuen into wonder why the night would fall in labour, and bring foorth so many Villanies, whose births she practised to couer (as she had reason) because so many watchmen were co tinually called and charged to haue an eye to her dooings, at length he perceiued that Bats (more vgly and more in number then these) might flye vp and downe in darkenesse: for tho with their Letherne Wings they should strike the very billes out of those Watchmens handes, such leaden plummets were commonly

mōly hung by sleepe at all their eyelids, that hardly they could be awaked to strike them agen.

On therefore he walkes, with intent to hasten home, as hauing fil'd his Table Bookes with sufficient notes of intelligence. But, at the last, meeting with the Bell-man, and not knowing what he was because he went without his Lanthorne and some other implements: for the man in the Moone was vp the most part of the night and lighted him which way soeuer he turned, he tooke him for some churlish Hobgoblin, seeing a long staffe on his necke, and therefore to be one of his owne fellowes. The Bel-ringer smelling what strong scent he had in his nose, soothed him vp, and questioning with him how he had spent his time in the citty, and what discouery of Land-villanies he had made in this Iland voiage: the Mariner of hell, opened his chart, which he had lined with all abuses lying either East, West, North, or South: he shewed how he had pricked it, vpon what points he had sailed, where he put in: vnder what height he kept him-selfe: where he went a shore, what strāge people he met: what land he had discouered, and what commodities he was laden with from thēce. Of all which the Bell-man drawing forth a perfect Map, they parted: which Map he hath set out in such colloʒs as you see, tho not with such cunning as he could wish: the paines are his owne, the pleasure, if this can yeelde any pleasure, onely yours, on whome he bestowes it: to him that embraceth his labours, he dedicats both them and his loue: with him that either knowes not how, or cares not to entertaine them, he will not be angry, but onely to Him sayes thus much for a farrewell.

Si quid Nouisti rectius istis,
Candidus imperti: Si non, His vtere mecum.

FINIS.